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UNITY, N.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Selectmen

and other

Town Officers



Year Ending December 31, 1996

**OFFICIAL OFFICE HOURS
AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Selectmen's Office - Town Office

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

542-9665

(except Holidays)

543-3102

FAX

542-9736

Selectmen's Meeting - Town Office

1st and 3rd Mondays - 7:00 p.m. to ?

2nd and 4th Mondays - work sessions, public always invited

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Office

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

542-9665

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Planning Board - Town Office

1st Thursday each month 7:30 p.m.

Landfill

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Health Officer - William Lawrence

835-2162

Building Inspector

863-7911

Police Department - Valley Dispatch

542-7040

Fire Department

1-352-1100

Dog Control Officer

542-7040

Library

543-3253

Emergency Only

Fire, Police and Ambulance

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The Town Hall is available to rent for special occasions or meetings. Please call the Town Office for fee schedule.

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Bring your Town Report to Town Meeting

March 11, 1997

12:00 Noon for Business Meeting March 15th, 1997

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**TOWN OFFICERS OF UNITY, NH
ELECTED WORKERS 1996**

OFFICE	ELECTED	TERM EXPIRES
Selectmen		
Scott Levanovich	1994	1997
Mary Gere	1995	1998
Edward A. Gregory	1996	1999
Town Clerk - 3 year term		
Peggy Austin	1994	1997
Treasurer - 3 year term		
Vicky Burt	1994	1997
Moderator - 2 year term		
Fred Hall	1996	1998
Supervisors of the Check List - 6 year term		
Bonny Polley	1996	2002
Nancy Ferguson	1992	1998
Rose Aremburg*	1995	1997
Building Inspector - 1 year term		
Ronald Lique	1996	1997
Library Trustee - 3 year term		
Marguerite Hall	1994	1997
Martha Morse	1995	1998
Judith Smith	1996	1999
Planning Board - 3 year term		
Frederick Hall	1995	1998
Floyd Rice	1996	1998
Ken Hall	1996	1999
Randy Adams	1996	1997
Mary Gere-Ex-Officio	1996	1997
Trustees of the Trust Funds - 3 year term		
Sally Weston	1995	1998
Laurel Eaton	1994	1997
Marguerite Hall	1996	1999

*resigned

APPOINTED WORKERS FOR UNITY 1996

Secretary	Priscilla Swensen
Road Agent	Alvin Smith
	Richard Sturtevant
	Harold Booth
Tax Collector	Peggy Austin
Deputy Tax Collector-Town Clerk	Margaret Clark
Deputy Treasurer	Patricia Lique
Health Officer	William Lawrence
Landfill Attendants	Carol Carley, Kimberly Groat
	Wayne Groat, Alvin Smith
	Bernice Clough
Conservation Commission	Ethel Jarvis, Bardy Flanders
	Jenny Wright, Richard Tatem
	Ernest Bridge
Recycling Committee	Kimberly Groat, Carol Carley, Jenny Wright,
	Vanessa Keith, Jim Romer, Andrea Walsh,
	Scott Neilson, Gloria Boardman,
	Susan Lawrence, Bernice Clough
Building Committee	Lyle Guynup, Harry Lefebvre
	Steve Whitney, Scott Neilson
	Ray Hull, Scott Levanovich
Bell Tower Committee	Fred Bellimer, Rod Gray,
	Edward A. Gregory, Mary 'L Gere,
	Randy & Barbara Adams, John Callum
	Ken Hall, Paul Moeller, Ted Lewitt,
	Roger Scheffer, Scott Levanovich, Roberta Callum,
	Norwood & Phyllis Keeney, Stephen Morse,
	Gerri Rudenfeldt, Todd Gregory, Eric Callum, Maurice Oakley
Planning Board Secretary	Priscilla Swensen
Planning Board Alternate	Nancy Zekos
Assessor	Ann Mooney
Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tax Maps	Wayne McCutcheon
Ballot Clerks	Tyney Cox, Marguerite Hall, Debra Desmarais,
	Shirley Osgood, Roberta Callum,
	Mary Ellen Bellimer, Margaret Clark
Dog Officer	Ronald Ferguson*
Sexton	Ronald Lique, Sr.
Police Officers	Barritt Bodkins
	Christopher Gentes*
Fire Warden	George Dunn
Deputy Fire Wardens	Robert Janelle, Charles Hudson,
	Robert Brown, Bruce Baker, Ron Cota
Civil Defense	Jason LeMere

*resigned



In Honor
CLIFFORD JOSEPH STONE

Clifford Stone was born in Unity, September 12, 1914, the second son of Charles and Estella (Cox) Stone. When he was 4 years old, both his parents died on February 8, 1919, from the influenza epidemic. His grandparents took the boys and gave them a loving home.

His formal education was short, but his many occupations gave him an extensive one. When very young he worked for local farmers, and at 16, was hired by the N.H. State Highway Department. He continued with them intermittently until retirement in 1982. After acquiring his own equipment, the Highway Department leased it from him when necessary. During these years, his friend, Roy Nelson, taught him drilling and blasting, which he used extensively, later in his mining operations in Unity and other towns.

In Unity, Cliff willingly filled many offices: He was Chairman of the Board of Adjusters, with friends, Ken Smith and Peg Delude; Constable for over 25 years; Deputy Fire Warden for 27 years; drove school bus, and leased buses to the town also; and periodically, for 22-1/2 years was Unity's Road Agent. Times were hard then and the Town Budget suffered, but Cliff made sure his men were paid every week; an act greatly appreciated by all.

In 1947, he became a Charter Member of the Unity Volunteer Fire Department, and in 1954, elected its Chief. During his tenure, he initiated the move to join Keene in Mutual Aid, one of the first towns to do so. The Department held dances, raffles, weekly Bingo games, etc. to raise funds for equipment and they also managed to supply a new furnace, windows and toilets for the Town Hall, plus a new well and light outside. The old school house was procured and rebuilt into the basis for the present firehouse. During this period there were times when the Fire Department helped restore burnt homes to livable condition.

Land speculation - "Love of his life" - and trading in Army trucks have always been important to him, and people come to buy or consult him on these and related subjects. Probably, too, it's because he is the oldest native of Unity, still living here. He says, he does not have all the answers, but he's very grateful for the guidance and support of old friends, like, Judge Albert Leahy, Albert Reed, Orrin Bailey, Perley Newton and Professor of Geology, John B. Lyons of Dartmouth College.



IN MEMORY

Herbert W. Slack was born in Claremont, NH on October 10, 1918 and was a resident in Unity since 1929.

He was a self employed dairy farmer for 50 years which he loved. He was married to Alyce Neary for 46 years.

They raised three daughters, Dianne, Mary and Karin and have six grandchildren. He had many friends in Unity for all those many years.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT
TOWN OF UNITY
1996**

The Unity Board of Selectmen have experienced a vast amount of changes during 1996, and most of them positive.

The Bell Tower Committee formed and began right after town meeting last year working weekly to recreate the bell tower cradle and inner structure needed to place the bell in its home on the Town Hall. Special thanks to the many towns people who have volunteered to make this possible and especially Rod Gray for providing the driving force to endure.

The Landfill Recycling Building Committee met and designed a building for efficient processing of the town's recyclables, using volunteer help whenever possible and we thank them for all their efforts, especially noted should be the contributions of Lyle Guynup for the use of his equipment and drive to keep this project moving forward. The state transfer recycling station permit has been received and we are now pursuing the federal E.P.A. permit required to enable us to apply for federal closure funds.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of Rod Minckler as our Welfare Officer. We thank him for his years of service in this capacity and his foresight in recommending the Community Alliance Services to handle our welfare needs. After a trial basis and wonderful preliminary results, we are looking forward to a long-term relationship with them for our town.

We thank Randy Adams for accepting the position of liaison to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council. The council offers a wide range of assets the town may be able to avail.

We are especially proud of the fact that with diligent work and cooperation of all office employees and Treasurer, and with careful timing of spending, we were able to avoid borrowing any monies (TAN) to continue the operation of the town, for the first time in memory and thereby avoided any interest paid by the town.

We regretfully received the resignation of Ron Ferguson as our Animal Control Officer due to the amount of time and increased level of expertise required for this position. We have experienced difficulties in finding a new animal control officer because of these regulations.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of one police officer and are currently working to restucture our police force in personnel issues and policy, toward more complete coverage within acceptable financial limits.

The highway department continues the upgrading of roads, with ditch work, resurfacing of dirt roads with quality processed gravel. Approximately 4,000 feet of North Shore Road reconstruction project has been completed using Larry Wiggins as the Town's engineering consultant to ensure proper engineering. The Board has continued to upgrade highway vehicles along with major repairs of other highway equipment. The highway garage has had an upgrade of a new roof, along with the removal of the underground fuel tank, which all soil tests results came back with no contamination found. It has been replaced with a new 2,000 gallon above ground storage tank. The Board is planning to continue with

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a new asphalt road project, Lear Hill Road, which will be funded over the next several years.

We are introducing a replacement bridge project on Stage Road this year. The project would be funded with 20 percent from the Town and 80 percent from the State.

The Unity Board of Selectmen thank all volunteers and employees for their many hours of hard work which helps build community spirit and pride.

Respectively submitted,
Edward A. Gregory, Chairman
Scott I. Levanovich
Mary 'L Gere

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF UNITY, NH
MARCH 12 & 16, 1996

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1996

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY THE MODERATOR, FRED HALL. MR. HALL DECLARED THE POLLS OPEN. HE READ THE WARRANT, AFTER THE READING OF ARTICLE 1, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY GERE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING, AFTER VOTING WAS FINISHED, ON MARCH 16TH, 1996 AT 12:00 NOON, SECONDED BY PEGGY AUSTIN. VOTE BY VOICE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 1. To CHOOSE ALL NECESSARY TOWN OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

THERE WERE 269 VOTES CAST, FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE VOTES:

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS:

RAYMOND A. HULL	80
EDWARD A. GREGORY	185
2 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS:

FREDERICK E. HALL, SR.	237
KEN HALL (WRITTEN IN)	2
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS:

KEN HALL	222
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

PLANNING BOARD FOR TWO YEARS:

FLOYD RICE	204
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

PLANNING BOARD FOR ONE YEAR:

RANDY ADAMS	207
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS:

JUDITH A. SMITH	217
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS:

MARGUERITE C. HALL	238
TYNE COX (WRITTEN IN)	2
1 OTHER WRITTEN IN	

BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR ONE YEAR:

RONALD E. LIQUE, SR	131
WILL BOUTIN	115
2 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR 6 YEARS:

BONNY JEAN POLLEY	227
4 OTHERS WRITTEN IN EACH RECEIVING ONE VOTE	

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to combine the office of Town Clerk and presently appointed Tax Collector to Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be elected for a 3 year term beginning in 1997. Article by petition (Selectmen recommend a no vote)

ARTICLE 2 WAS PLACED ON THE BALLOT, RESULTS OF VOTING; YES 84 NO 160

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE POLLS CLOSED AT 7:02 P.M. AFTER THE BALLOTS WERE COUNTED, MR. HALL READ THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M. TO BE RECONVENED ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH @ 12:00 NOON.

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 1996

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 12:02 P.M.. MR. HALL IMMEDIATELY CALLED AN INTERMISSION TO GET THE SPEAKER SYSTEM FIXED.

INTERMISSION WAS OVER AT 12:10 P.M.

THE MODERATOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH A SALUTE TO THE FLAG. MR. HALL EXPLAINED THE RULES OF THE MEETING AND ASKED FOR A SHOW OF HANDS OF NON-VOTERS.

MR. HALL STATED THAT HE HAD READ THE COMPLETE WARRANT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH AND WOULD NOT BE READING THE WHOLE WARRANT AT THAT TIME.

ARTICLE 3. To receive reports of Town Officers and take any action thereon.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ARTICLE WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

THE MODERATOR TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. SELECTMEN, SCOTT LEVANOVICH SPOKE ABOUT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT. THE SELECTMEN HAD CONCERN ABOUT A STATEMENT MADE IN THE TOWN REPORT (PAGE 65 NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH). THE PART IN QUESTION; "THIS SUBDIVISION IN NO WAY AFFECTS ANY RIGHTS ANY PERSON MAY HAVE IN THE SPRING SHOWN ON LOT 2-641-2. ACCORDING TO OTHER INFORMATION IT SEEMS THAT IF THIS SPRING HAS BEEN USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR 20 YEARS THEN THE PUBLIC CAN CONTINUE TO USE IT." THE SELECTMEN QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF THE STATEMENT AND SOUGHT LEGAL ADVICE TO PREVENT FUTURE CONFUSION IN THIS MATTER. HE READ A LETTER FROM THE TOWN'S ATTORNEY ADDRESSING THIS MATTER. FOLLOWING IS A PORTION OF THE LETTER WHICH ANSWERS THEIR CONCERNS.

3/12/96 LETTER FROM JOHN YAZINSKI

"..... IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SPRING IN QUESTION LOCATED OFF OF THE WEST UNITY ROAD, HAS BEEN USED BY VARIOUS TOWN RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONALLY, THE PLANNING BOARD INCLUDED LANGUAGE IN IT'S APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION INVOLVING THE LAND ON WHICH THE SPRING IS LOCATED, WHICH LANGUAGE PROVIDES THAT THE SUBDIVISION IN NO WAY AFFECTS ANY RIGHTS ANY PERSON MAY HAVE IN THE SPRING SHOWN ON LOT 2-691-2. I HAVE ALSO REVIEWED THE DEED FROM SHIRLEY TOWLE TO TERRY MILLER AND PAULA BARRIEAULT TRANSFERRING THE SUBJECT PREMISES.

BASED ON MY REVIEW OF THE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DOCUMENTS, IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE TOWN OF UNITY HAS NOT GAINED ANY RIGHT OF ACCESS THROUGH EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE SPRING LOCATED ON THE MILLER-BARRIEAULT PROPERTY. I HAVE NOT CONDUCTED A FULL TITLE SEARCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT SPRING RIGHTS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVEYED TO THE TOWN OF UNITY. THE DEED FROM TOWLE TO MILLER AND BARRIEAULT DOES NOT MENTION ANY SUCH TRANSFER OF SPRING RIGHTS. THE LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN THE PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL WAS NOT A GRANT OF RIGHTS TO ANYONE. THE LANGUAGE IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE APPLICANTS THAT THE SUBDIVISION APPROVAL DID NOT AFFECT ANY RIGHTS THAT ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN THE APPLICANTS, MAY HAVE IN THE SPRING. HOWEVER, THIS LANGUAGE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO BE DEEMED AN EASEMENT PERMITTING THE USE OF THE SPRING. IN POINT OF FACT, EVEN WITHOUT THE LANGUAGE, THE SUBDIVISION APPROVAL WOULD NOT HAVE AFFECTED ANYONE WHO HAD A DEEDED RIGHT TO THE SPRING.

IT IS ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PROTECTING THIS VERY VALUABLE AND OFTEN USED SPRING. A REVIEW OF RSA 36-A, THE STATUTE GOVERNING CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS, GRANTS CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CERTAIN GIFTS TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE STATUE BUT EXPLICITLY PROHIBITS CITIES, TOWNS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS FROM EXERCISING THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSES SET OUT IN RSA 36-A:4 GOVERNING THE POWERS OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS. THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IS FREE TO REQUEST THAT THE OWNER GRANT THE TOWN AN EASEMENT TO BE MANAGED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION PERMITTING THE UTILIZATION OF THE SPRING. HOWEVER, THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION COULD NOT OBTAIN RIGHTS TO THE SPRING THROUGH AN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDING.

BASED UPON THE LENGTH OF TIME TOWN RESIDENTS AND OTHERS HAVE USED THE SPRING ONE COULD LEGITIMATELY QUESTION WHETHER THE TOWN HAS ACQUIRED RIGHTS TO THE SPRING THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION. IN ORDER FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN RIGHTS TO REAL PROPERTY THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION, CERTAIN CRITERIA MUST BE MET. THE BASIC CRITERIA FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE USE MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE CONTINUOUSLY FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY (20) YEARS;
2. THE USE MUST HAVE BEEN OPEN AND NOTORIOUS;
3. THE USE MUST HAVE BEEN HOSTILE TO THE OWNER, MEANING THAT THE USE WOULD BE DEEMED ADVERSE AS OPPOSED TO PERMISSIVE.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE SPRING IS LOCATED HAVE VOLUNTARILY PERMITTED INDIVIDUALS TO UTILIZE THE SPRING. SINCE THE USE WAS PERMISSIVE, IT MOST LIKELY WAS NOT ADVERSE AND RIGHTS OF ADVERSE POSSESSION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

IF THE TOWN IS INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE SPRING AND ACCESS THERETO, THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WOULD BE THE VEHICLE TO NEGOTIATE AN EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY. AN EASEMENT WOULD NEED TO BE DRAFTED BY TOWN COUNSEL AND SIGNED BY THE OWNER AND RECORDED AT THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A TRANSFER OF AN EASEMENT MAY HAVE OCCURRED SOMETIME IN THE PAST, THEN A FULL TITLE SEARCH AT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS WOULD BE IN ORDER."

MR. LEVANOVICH THEN READ PORTIONS OF TWO LETTERS FROM TOWN COUNCIL, JOHN YAZINSKI. FOLLOWING ARE THE PORTIONS READ;

9/8/95 LETTER "PRIOR TO THE FINAL TRIAL OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE I MET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTLING THIS MATTER. I RECOMMENDED TO YOU THAT THE BOARD SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SETTLING THIS CASE IF YOU COULD OBTAIN AT LEAST \$15,000. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT WITH FLEET BANK AND CONNECTICUT RIVER BANK WHEREIN THE TOWN OF UNITY WOULD BE PAID \$15,000.00 TO SETTLE THIS MATTER. THE REASONS FOR MY DECISION TO ADVISE YOU TO SETTLE THIS CASE FOLLOWS:

IT ALSO CAME TO LIGHT DURING THE PREPARATION FOR TRIAL THAT A SECOND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 WAS DEPOSITED INTO ELLSWORTH PUTNAM'S ACCOUNT IN THE SAME MANNER THAT THE FIRST \$40,000.00 CHECK WAS DEPOSITED. THIS EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN DAMAGING TO THE TOWN'S CASE. IN ORDER TO RECOVER THE FULL \$40,000.00 CLAIM THAT WE MADE OUT AGAINST FLEET BANK WE WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THAT OUR NEGLIGENCE DID NOT CAUSE THE ERROR. THIS WAS A VERY HIGH BURDEN.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE TOWN COULD NOT MAKE A FULL RECOVERY. HOWEVER, THE MISFORTUNE WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN GREATER IF WE MADE NO RECOVERY AT ALL. YOU MUST ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE IS A RESTITUTION ORDER AGAINST ELLSWORTH PUTNAM REQUIRING HIM TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE TOWN UNTIL THE TOWN HAS RECEIVED THE FULL \$40,000.00. MR. PUTNAM HAS BEGUN MAKING HIS PAYMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL THE TOWN IS MADE WHOLE."

2/28/96 LETTER "PRIOR TO THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE, AND AFTER NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL AND THE JUDGE WHO WOULD HEAR THE CASE, THIS MATTER WAS SETTLED FOR \$15,000.00. EACH BANK INVOLVED, FLEET BANK AND CONNECTICUT RIVER BANK, PAID THE TOWN \$7,500.00. THERE IS ALSO AN ORDER REQUIRING ELLSWORTH PUTNAM TO PAY, IN INSTALLMENTS, THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE \$40,000.00 TO THE TOWN OF UNITY. I RECOMMENDED THIS SETTLEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

AFTER SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE TOWN OF UNITY'S CASE AGAINST FLEET BANK WAS SOMEWHAT WEAK. FLEET BANK HAD A STATUTORY DEFENSE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO THEM, WHICH IF THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN PROVING THAT UNITY'S NEGLIGENCE CONTRIBUTED TO IT'S LOSS, THEN THE TOWN'S ABILITY TO RECOVER WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHED OR EXTINGUISHED. SINCE THE TOWN COULD NOT EVEN SHOW WHO MADE THE DEPOSIT, LET ALONE EXPLAIN WHY THERE WAS A GAP OF SOME EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS IN IT'S DISCOVERY, THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WAS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE TOWN'S NEGLIGENCE MAY HAVE EXCEEDED FLEET BANK'S. A FURTHER COMPLICATING MATTER FOR THE TOWN, SINCE THE TOWN BORE THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN THIS CASE, WAS THE FACT THAT A KEY WITNESS REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH COUNSEL FOR THE TOWN. WHILE PRISCILLA SWENSEN, PEGGY AUSTIN AND JOAN MERRILL REGULARLY DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH ME AND MY FIRM IN PREPARATION FOR THE TRIAL, WE FOUND THAT ETHEL JARVIS, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN TOWN AFFAIRS AT THE TIME THE CHECK WAS WRONGLY DEPOSITED, WAS NOT WILLING TO COOPERATE ABSENT A SUBPOENA. IF THE MATTER WENT TO TRIAL I WOULD HAVE HAD TO SUBPOENA MS. JARVIS TO TESTIFY. WHILE THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL IN LITIGATIONS, IT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO HAVE TO DISCLOSE TO A JUDGE OR JURY THAT AN OFFICIAL WHO WAS INVOLVED IN TOWN GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME THE MISTAKE OCCURRED WAS NOT WILLING TO VOLUNTARILY TESTIFY. THIS COULD HAVE ONLY DAMAGED OUR CASE FURTHER.

CONSIDERING THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE LEGAL STRENGTH OF OUR ARGUMENT, AND THE DIFFICULTY IN PRESENTING FIRST HAND TESTIMONY, I RECOMMENDED THAT THE TOWN SETTLE THIS CASE ON THE TERMS OUTLINED ABOVE. THE PROBATION OFFICE CONTINUES TO MONITOR MR. PUTNAM'S PAYMENTS SO THAT EVENTUALLY THE TOWN WILL BE MADE WHOLE.

WHILE THIS WAS NOT THE OUTCOME THAT WE ALL HOPED FOR IN THIS MATTER, I DO BELIEVE THE SETTLEMENT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF UNITY."

MR. GREGORY ASKED PAUL MERCIER, TOWN'S AUDITOR TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE SELECTMEN ABOUT THE AUDIT.

MR. MERCIER SPOKE ABOUT THE "UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE". HE EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR SUCH A GOOD SURPLUS WAS IN PART, DUE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR FINALIZING THE CLEANUP OF THE OLD TAX RECORDS, AS WELL AS MORE REVENUES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES THAN ANTICIPATED AND MONIES BEING LEFT OVER IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE BUDGET.

LARRY WIGGINS ASKED WHAT AMOUNT DRA RECOMMENDS THE TOWN KEEP IN THE UNRESERVED FUND. MR. GREGORY SAID \$70,000.00 AND EXPLAINED THAT THE SELECTMEN WILL BE USING A PORTION OF THE MONIES TO LOWER THE TOWN TAX FOR 1996.

ETHEL JARVIS ASKED WHAT MADE UP THE FIGURE "RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES FOR FIRE WARDEN".

MRS. JARVIS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS NOT APPROACHED UNTIL APRIL 5, 1995 CONCERNING THE MATTER OF THE MIS-DEPOSITED \$40,000.00. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN MARCH OF 1991.

MR. GREGORY SAID THE MONEY WAS PUT ASIDE PER THE REQUEST OF THE FIRE WARDEN, GEORGE DUNN. HE WAS ILL IN 1995 AND UNABLE TO ATTEND TO THE SOME PURCHASING FOR THE FOREST FIRE DEPT AND ASKED THAT THE MONEY BE ENCUMBERED FOR USE IN 1996.

MARY GERE POINTED OUT AN ERROR IN THE MINUTES OF THE 1995 TOWN MEETING. SHE ASKED, TOWN CLERK, PEGGY AUSTIN TO EXPLAIN. THE TOWN REPORT DID NOT REFLECT THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE FOR ARTICLES 9 & 13. THE ORIGINAL MINUTES DID SHOW THE VOTES FOR BOTH ARTICLES AS BEING AFFIRMATIVE.

ETHEL JARVIS SPOKE AGAIN CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF THE \$40,000. THIS DISCUSSION CONTINUED FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 HOUR.

WILL BOUTIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE ONTO ARTICLE 24, SECONDED BY ROBERT BROWN. THE MODERATOR WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS MOTION SINCE WE WERE NOT FINISHED WITH ARTICLE 3.

DISCUSSION WENT BACK TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT. KEN HALL ASKED THAT IT GO ON RECORD THAT HE FEELS IT IS WRONG TO ACCEPT THE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE SPRING ON LOT 2-641-2. HE FEELS THIS IS LEAVING THE WRONG IMPRESSION TO THE PUBLIC.

JOHN CALLUM SUGGESTED WE DELETE THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT.

BOB JANELLE ASKED TO MOVE THE QUESTION. MR. HALL EXPLAINED THAT WE NEEDED A 2/3'S VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION. MR. JANELLE RESCINDED HIS MOTION.

RANDY BRAGDON OFFERED AN AMENDED MOTION, "TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS EXCEPT THE NEXT TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT ON PAGE 65. SECONDED BY ED GREGORY.

MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED ARTICLE. VOICE VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ABOUT THE SPRING. ROBERT MCDEVITT MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION, SECONDED BY WILL BOUTIN. MR. HALL ASKED THEM TO RESCIND THE MOTION AND THE SECOND. BOTH AGREED.

AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE ON THE AMENDED ARTICLE #3.

AMENDED ARTICLE 3. VOTE BY VOICE, AFFIRMATIVE.

WILL BOUTIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE ARTICLE 24 TO BE VOTED ON BEFORE ARTICLE 4, SECONDED BY ROBERT BROWN.

MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE TO MOVE ARTICLE 24. VOTE BY VOICE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 24. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET COMMITTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14. BALLOT VOTE. POLLS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR 1 HOUR.*

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF 3, 6 OR 9 MEMBERS TO COME FROM REGISTERED VOTERS TO SERVE STAGGERED TERMS. AT THE FIRST ELECTION 1, 2, OR 3 MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FOR 1 YEAR, 1, 2 OR 3 MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FOR 2 YEARS AND 1, 2 OR 3 MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FOR 3 YEARS. AFTER THE INITIAL ELECTION THE TERM FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AT LARGE SHALL BE FOR 3 YEARS.

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE TO SERVE UNTIL NEXT ELECTION AND TO VOTE ON THOSE NOMINATIONS. ARTICLE BY PETITION. (SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A NO VOTE)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ARTICLE WAS MADE BY EDWARD GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

MODERATOR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

MARY SPOKE ABOUT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. MARY SAID SHE HELPED SPONSOR THE ARTICLE. SHE SAID THE SCHOOL WOULD BE A PART OF THIS COMMITTEE. MARY SAID SHE FELT THIS WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET BUT, IT CANNOT BE ADOPTED FOR SCHOOL ALONE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE FOR BOTH THE TOWN AND THE SCHOOL. SHE REFERRED TO RSA 32:18. AS OUTLINED IN THIS RSA, THE TOWN OR SCHOOL MEETING MAY ONLY INCREASE THE BUDGET UP TO 10% OVER THE AMOUNT APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE. THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE ON THIS ARTICLE AT 1:20 P.M. HE ANNOUNCED THE BALLOT BOX WOULD BE OPEN UNTIL 2:20 P.M.

ARTICLE 24. THE BALLOT BOX WAS CLOSED AT 2:25 P.M. THE MODERATOR ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE ON ARTICLE 24 AT 3:00 P.M. VOTE BY BALLOT YES 17 NO 90. ARTICLE FAILED.

ARTICLE 4. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS AS STATED IN THE POSTED BUDGET (MS6) IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR A TOTAL OF \$667,477. (A MOTION WILL BE ACCEPTED TO BYPASS ACTION UNTIL ALL ARTICLE HAVE BEEN VOTED ON.)*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE	22,950
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS	9,500
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	35,000
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	2,500
LEGAL	10,000
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	11,500
PLANNING & ZONING	5,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	9,000
CEMETERIES	5,250
INSURANCE	32,000
ADVERTISING	2,500
TAX MAPS	600
CONTINGENCY FUND	1,000
AUDIT	6,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE	24,000
AMBULANCE	10,125
FIRE DEPARTMENT	27,500
FIRE WARDEN	2,000
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	500
BUILDING INSPECTOR	600
FIRE POND	2,000

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

HIGHWAYS	189,500
CLASS VI	500

SANITATION

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	27,000
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (PETITION)	27,000

HEALTH

DOG CONTROL OFFICER	2,400
HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS	3,865
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	1,200
EMERGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL	1,000

WELFARE

DIRECT ASSISTANCE	7,000
CYA	2,000
SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE	250
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICE	647

CULTURE & RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION	1,400
LIBRARY	6,500

CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,000
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DEBT SERVICE

PRINCIPAL-LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	10,000
INTEREST-LONG TERM BONDS	690
INTEREST ON TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	10,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

CEMETERY LAND (ART. 5)	1,000
POLICE CRUISER (ART. 6)	3,000
HIGHWAY VEHICLE (ART. 7)	6,000
NORTH SHORE ROAD ((ART 9)	29,000
TOWN HALL (ART 10)	1,000
RECYCLING SITE WORK/BUILDING (ART 11)	14,000
TOWN HALL BASEMENT (ART 12)	60,000
FUTURE LANDFILL CLOSURE (ART 14)	40,000
VITAL RECORDS RESTORATION (ART 8)	2,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$667,477

ARTICLE 4. MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY BRAGDON TO BYPASS ACTION ON ARTICLE 4 UNTIL ALL MONEY ARTICLES HAVE BEEN VOTED ON. SECONDED BY ED GREGORY. VOTE WAS BY VOICE, AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 4 VOTE WAS TAKEN AFTER ARTICLE 16.

ARTICLE 5. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED CEMETERY LAND TRUST AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY GERE AND SECONDED BY ED GREGORY.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 6. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3000 TO BE PLACED IN A PREVIOUSLY CREATED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE CRUISER AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

SID ERSKINE ASKED WHEN WE WOULD BE GETTING A NEW CRUISER. MR. GREGORY SAYS AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO SCHEDULED TIME, SINCE THE PRESENT CRUISER IS STILL GOOD.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 7. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE HIGHWAY VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

NO DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 7. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 8. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR CONTINUED RESTORATION OF VITAL RECORDS AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

KEN HALL ASKED HOW MANY MORE YEARS WE WOULD NEED TO RAISE THIS MONEY. PEGGY AUSTIN, TOWN CLERK, SAID WE HAVE AT LEAST 25 MORE BOOKS TO RESTORE AND WE HAVE BEEN DOING A COUPLE EACH YEAR.

NO MORE DISCUSSION, MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 9. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$29,000 TO ADD TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH SHORE ROAD AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS. SOME ENCOURAGED THE SELECTMEN TO SET UP A GOOD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AFTER THESE ROADS GET REPAVED.

SELECTMEN SAID THE PROJECT WAS DUE TO BEGIN 8/5/96.

NO MORE DISCUSSION, MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 9. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 10. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF LONG RANGE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD TOWN HALL TO BE PLACED IN A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED TOWN HALL GENERAL FUND TRUST.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TOWN HALL. SEVERAL RESIDENTS ASKED ABOUT RESTORING THE BELL TOWER. THE SELECTMEN AND OTHERS SAID THERE WERE PLANS UNDERWAY TO RAISE SOME MONIES FOR THIS PROJECT. THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS IF THE BUILDING COULD WITHSTAND THE WEIGHT OF THE BELL TOWER AND THE BELL.

DISCUSSION WAS FINISHED, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 11. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,000 FOR RECYCLING BUILDING SITE WORK AND CONSTRUCTION.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

ROBERT JANELLE OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLE;

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,000 FOR RECYCLING BUILDING SITE WORK AND CONSTRUCTION, AND TO HAVE LANDFILL STICKERS ISSUED BY THE ATTENDANTS ON DUTY. SECONDED BY SUE LAWRENCE.

MODERATOR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION ON BOTH THE ORIGINAL AND AMENDED ARTICLE.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER MAINLY AROUND THE AMENDMENT TO HAND OUT THE STICKERS AT THE LANDFILL. SEVERAL RESIDENTS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE ATTENDANTS WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME. SOME PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED WE WOULD LOOSE THE CONTROL WE PRESENTLY HAVE ON WHO GETS THE STICKERS.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE TO SEE IF WE WOULD OR WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11: VOTE BY VOICE, AMENDMENT FAILED.

THEN WE WENT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE 11. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION CONCERNING THE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: LARRY WIGGINS SAID HE FELT THE FLOOR HAD NOT BEEN OPENED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AFTER THE AMENDMENT FAILED. THE MODERATOR DECIDED TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11 TO ALLOW FOR MORE DISCUSSION.

LARRY WIGGINS ASKED IF WE ALREADY HAD \$12,000 IN A FUND FOR A LANDFILL BUILDING. MARY GERE SAID, YES, BUT, WE NEEDED MORE MONEY TO MAKE A GOOD BUILDING, AND GRAVEL WOULD BE NEEDED.

THERE WAS SOME MORE DISCUSSION. THE MODERATOR ASKED IF THERE WERE MORE QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION. NO MORE DISCUSSION. MR. HALL CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. (REVOTE AFTER DISCUSSION) VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

MODERATOR GAVE A 15 MINUTE BREAK.

MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 2:59 P.M. MR. HALL ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF VOTING ON ARTICLE 24.

ARTICLE 12. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FROM THE SALE OF TOWN OWNED TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES TO BE USED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE TOWN HALL BASEMENT AREA AND ACCESS FOR TOWN OFFICE SPACE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES, TO BE PLACED IN AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND AND NAME THE SELECTMEN AGENTS TO EXPEND THE FUND ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THESE MONIES.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY EDWARD GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

SCOTT LEVANOVICH OFFERED AN AMENDMENT;

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE TOWN HALL BASEMENT AREA AND TO NAME THE SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND FROM THIS FUND, AND FURTHER TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$60,000 TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUND. (THIS APPROPRIATION WILL BE OFFSET BY A LIKE AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF TAX-DEEDED PROPERTY.) SECONDED BY ED GREGORY.

THE SELECTMEN OFFERED AN EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENT OF THIS ARTICLE. A CALLED WAS PLACED TO DRA REGARDING THE WORDING BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THIS MONEY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION. THEY DO NOT WANT AN IMPACT ON THE TAX RATE FOR 1996. THEIR INTENT IS TO SELL SOME OF THE TOWN OWNED PROPERTY AND USE THE MONEY TO COVER THIS ARTICLE. DRA OFFERED THE WORDING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THIS ARTICLE. IF THE SELECTMEN ARE UNABLE TO SELL THE PROPERTIES OR DO NOT GET ENOUGH MONEY FROM THE SALE, THEY WILL NOT PROCEED WITH THE TOWN HALL PROJECT.

GATA HUDSON QUESTIONED THE WORDING OF THE AMENDMENT, THAT IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE WORDS "TOWN OFFICE SPACE AND ACCESS".

ANDREA WALSH PRESENTED A SECOND AMENDMENT;

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE TOWN HALL BASEMENT AREA AND ACCESS FOR TOWN OFFICE SPACE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES AND TO NAME THE SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND FROM THIS FUND, AND FURTHER TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$60,000 TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUND. (THIS APPROPRIATION WILL BE OFFSET BY A LIKE AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF TAX-DEEDED PROPERTY.) SECONDED BY GATA HUDSON.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THE TOWN HALL AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE HAVE INVESTED INTO THE BUILDING. SEVERAL RESIDENTS ASKED IF WE HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING TO USE THE BUILDING FOR TOWN OFFICES. ED GREGORY POINTED OUT A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING ON PAGE 23 OF THE TOWN REPORT. SOME RESIDENTS FELT THE LETTER DID NOT CLEAR THE TOWN TO GO AHEAD AND USE

THE TOWN HALL FOR TOWN OFFICES. LARRY WIGGINS WAS QUITE CONCERNED THAT THE TOWN WAS NOT COVERED BY THE LETTER AND ASKED THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO GET IN WRITING FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING THAT WE MAY IN FACT PUT THE TOWN OFFICES IN THE BASEMENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE \$60,000, ONLY THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BE SURE THE TOWN IS COVERED BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THIS PROJECT.

SOME VOTERS SAID THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEE A BUILDING FOR THE TOWN OFFICES. THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO HAVE TOWN EMPLOYEES OUT IN THE SUNLIGHT RATHER THAN IN THE BASEMENT. THE BOARD SAID THEY WERE OPEN TO IDEAS, JUST WANTED TO PRESENT SOME SORT OF PLAN FOR TOWN OFFICES. THEY WELCOME PROFESSIONAL HELP.

VOTERS SPOKE ABOUT THE "BUY-BACK" OF THE TOWN HALL AND ASKED IF THE \$60,000 WOULD GO TOWARDS THE "BUY-BACK". THE SELECTMEN SAID YES THE \$60,000 WOULD BE PART OF THE "BUY-BACK". BUT, AS RESIDENT HARRY BARNETT POINTED OUT, ACCORDING THE LETTER FROM OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING, THEY WILL NOT EVEN DISCUSS A "BUY-BACK" UNTIL A DAY-CARE PROGRAM AND A SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM ARE IN PLACE. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE TOWN'S RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO MAKE THE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THESE PROGRAMS. ACCORDING TO MR. HATHAWAY, WE ARE APPROVED NOW TO RUN A DAY CARE CENTER. SO AT THIS TIME, THE TOWN COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE DAY CARE CENTER.

ETHEL JARVIS ASKED IF THE SELECTMEN WOULD EXPLAIN HOW THE WORDING OF THE AMENDMENT WOULD KEEP THE SELECTMEN FROM RAISING THE MONEY THRU TAXES IF THE PROPERTY DID NOT SELL. SHE ALSO ASKED IF THE AMENDMENT CHANGES THE PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE.

MARY GERE EXPLAINED ACCORDING TO DRA, THE "RAISE AND APPROPRIATE" LANGUAGE IS STILL PREFERRED. BECAUSE A CAPITAL RESERVE OR MAINTENANCE TRUST CAN BE FUNDED FROM TAXATION OR SURPLUS, THIS ARTICLE IS RAISING THE MONEY FROM TAXATION, BUT, THERE WILL BE AN AMOUNT PUT IN REVENUES TO OFFSET THIS EXPENDITURE. IF THE SELECTMEN ARE UNABLE TO SELL THE PROPERTIES, THEY WILL NOT BEING DOING THIS PROJECT.

IT WAS THE GENERAL FEELING OF THOSE WHO SPOKE, THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE WAS NOT CHANGED BY THE AMENDMENT.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT PRESENTED BY ANDREA WALSH.

VOTE TO ACCEPT 2ND AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

MR. HALL READ THE AMENDMENT, VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDMENT WITH THE 2ND AMENDMENT WORDING, VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 12 AS AMENDED: THE ARTICLE WAS READ AND THE FINAL VOTE WAS TAKEN BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 13. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,099 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS OFFSET BY HIGHWAY SUBSIDY FUNDS.*

MOTION MADE BY EDWARD GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

NO DISCUSSION.

ARTICLE 13. VOTE WAS BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 14. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000 TO BE PLACED IN CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FUTURE LANDFILL CLOSURE:*

MOTION WAS MADE BY EDWARD GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

SUE LAWRENCE SAID WE DO NOT NEED TO PUT MONEY ASIDE. SHE FEELS IF WE PUT MONEY ASIDE, THE STATE WILL LOOK AT US AND FEEL WE DO NOT NEED HELP TO CLOSE OUR LANDFILL.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS SPOKE, STATING THAT WE MUST PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE RATHER THAN WAITING FOR IT TO HIT US ALL AT ONCE.

MARY GERE POINTED OUT THE REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ON PAGES 7-9 OF THE TOWN REPORT.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE MODERATOR WAS GIVEN A REQUEST IN WRITING FOR A PAPER BALLOT VOTE.

ARTICLE 14. VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT, Yes 66 No 26, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 15. *SHALL WE RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$27,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LANDFILL AND FOR THE RECYCLING PROGRAM? THIS APPROPRIATION IS IN PLACE OF ANY APPROPRIATION FOR "SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL" OR THE LIKE WHICH MAY APPEAR IN THE GENERAL BUDGET ARTICLE OF THE WARRANT. THIS MONEY WILL NOT BE SPENT TO TRANSPORT SOLID WASTE OUT OF TOWN TO BE INCINERATED OR LAND FILLED. ARTICLE BY PETITION. (SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A NO VOTE)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY EDWARD GREGORY SECONDED SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

SOME RESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH THIS ARTICLE BECAUSE IT APPEARED TO BE A SLAP IN THE SELECTMEN'S FACES. THE PARTIES WHO HAD SPONSORED THE PETITION SAID IT WAS NOT INTENDED AS A SLAP BUT WAS TO PREVENT SURPRISES; SUCH AS RUBBISH BEING TRANSPORTED OUT OF TOWN WITHOUT THE VOTERS PERMISSION.

MUCH DISCUSSION, MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. A REQUEST IN WRITING FOR A PAPER BALLOT VOTE, WAS GIVEN TO THE MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 15. VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT Yes 19 No 67, ARTICLE FAILED.

ARTICLE 16. "TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO DEPOSIT 50% OF THE REVENUES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO RSA 79-A (THE LAND USE CHANGE TAX) IN THE CONSERVATION LAND FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 36-A:5 III AS AUTHORIZED BY RSA 70-A:25 II". THIS IS COMMONLY DONE IN MANY N.H. TOWNS. ARTICLE BY PETITION. (SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A NO VOTE)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

THE MODERATOR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

ROBERT McDEVITT OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 16.

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE NOT TO DEPOSIT 50% OF THE REVENUES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO RSA 79-A (THE LAND USE TAX) IN THE CONSERVATION LAND FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 36-A:5 III AS AUTHORIZED BY RSA 70-A:25 II". AND THAT THIS ARTICLE, (BY PETITION OR OTHERWISE,) NOT BE BROUGHT IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER FIVE YEARS. SECONDED BY WILL BOUTIN.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON THIS ARTICLE AND THE AMENDMENT. THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: VOTE WAS BY VOICE, AMENDMENT FAILED.

ARTICLE 16. VOTE WAS BY VOICE, ARTICLE FAILED.

AMENDED ARTICLE 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS AS STATED IN THE POSTED BUDGET (MS6) IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR A TOTAL OF \$640,477. BUDGET PREVIOUSLY LISTED, LESS THE FAILED ARTICLE 15.

MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

THE MODERATOR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION, NO DISCUSSION VOTERS WERE READY TO VOTE!

AMENDED ARTICLE 4: VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 17. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY TO ACCEPT PAYMENT OF TAXES OR FEES FOR USE OF A CREDIT CARD. IT ALSO ALLOWS ADDING TO THE AMOUNT DUE, A SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CARD BASED ON THE CREDIT CARD COMPANY'S RATE AND OUR ACTUAL COST TO USE THEIR SERVICE, PURSUANT TO RSA 80:52-C.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. VOTE BY VOICE, THE MODERATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE VOTE BY VOICE. MR. HALL ASKED FOR A SHOW OF HANDS, COUNTING WAS DONE BY THE BALLOT CLERKS, YES 20 NO 44 ARTICLE 17 FAILED.

ARTICLE 18. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE UNTIL SPECIFIC RECISION OF SUCH AUTHORITY, THE SELECTMEN TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY TOWN MEETING, UNANTICIPATED MONEY FROM A STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR A PRIVATE SOURCE WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR?*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

AN AMENDMENT WAS OFFERED BY JAMES ROMER;

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY TOWN MEETING, UNANTICIPATED MONEY FROM A STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR PRIVATE SOURCE WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. SECONDED BY ROBERT McDEVITT.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 18. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION;

AMENDED ARTICLE 18. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 19. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO CONVEY ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN BY TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED. SUCH CONVEYANCE SHALL BE BY DEED FOLLOWING A PUBLIC AUCTION, OR THE PROPERTY MAY BE SOLD BY ADVERTISED SEALED BIDS, OR MAY BE OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

NO DISCUSSION, MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 20. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN UNTIL SPECIFIC RECISION OF SUCH AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES?*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

AN AMENDMENT WAS OFFERED BY ROBERT McDEVITT;

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES. SECONDED BY WILL BOUTIN.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, MODERATOR ASKED FOR THE VOTE.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE. AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDED ARTICLE 20. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 21. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT GIFTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, OTHER THAN MONEY WHICH MAY BE OFFERED TO THE TOWN FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

NO DISCUSSION.

ARTICLE 21. VOTE BY VOICE, VOTE WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 22. *TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO REQUIRE THAT THE SELECTMEN, BEFORE DISPOSING OF REAL PROPERTY, THE TITLE TO WHICH HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED, FIRST TO CONSULT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND WHETHER OR NOT THE RETENTION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND/OR EASEMENTS WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN AS PROVIDED IN RSA 80:80V, ONLY SUBJECT TO FINAL RATIFICATION OF THE NEXT ANNUAL OR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IF SAID COMMISSION RECOMMENDS RETENTION.* MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY, SECONDED BY MARY GERE.

NO DISCUSSION

ARTICLE 22 . VOTE BY VOICE, MODERATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE VOTE. MR. HALL ASKED FOR A SHOW OF HANDS. BALLOT CLERKS TOOK A HAND COUNT; YES 25 NO 35 ARTICLE FAILED.

ARTICLE 23. *SHALL WE DISCONTINUE THE LANDFILL STUDY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND? SAID FUNDS, WITH ACCUMULATED INTEREST TO DATE OF WITHDRAWAL, ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND. ARTICLE BY PETITION. (SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A NO VOTE)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED GREGORY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT LEVANOVICH.

SCOTT LEVANOVICH REMINDED THE VOTERS THAT SOME OF THESE FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC EXPENSES TO DO WITH THE LANDFILL.

AFTER A SMALL AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE MODERATOR WAS GIVEN A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A PAPER BALLOT VOTE.

ARTICLE 23. VOTE BY PAPER BALLOT, YES 5 NO 68 THE ARTICLE FAILED.

ARTICLE 25 *TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE THE SAID MEETING.*

MR. HALL, THE MODERATOR THANKED EVERYONE FOR PUTTING UP WITH HIM. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN WELL EARLIER IN THE YEAR AND SOME SET BACKS.

RANDY BRAGDON THANKED THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE MANY HOURS THEY PUT IN AND HE THANKED THE TOWN'S EMPLOYEES AS WELL.

MARY GERE READ A STATEMENT.

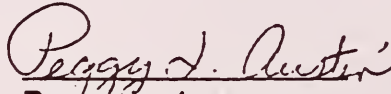
LARRY WIGGINS REQUESTED; THE SELECTMEN TO PURSUE A LETTER FROM OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITION ON THE TOWN HALL.

GATA HUDSON SUGGESTED THE SELECTMEN LEAVE OUT THE WORDS "UNTIL RESCINDED" IN FUTURE WARRANTS, SINCE IT IS CLEAR THE VOTERS DO NOT WANT THEM IN THE ARTICLES. SHE SAID IT WOULD SAVE TIME IN FUTURE MEETINGS.

NO MORE BUSINESS, FRED BELLIMER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY EVERYONE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:


PEGGY L. AUSTIN
TOWN CLERK- UNITY, NH

DATED MARCH 31, 1996

**TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF UNITY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
1997**

To the inhabitants of the town of Unity in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the 11th of March at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for ensuing year.

The business meeting will reconvene at 12:00 noon, March 15th, 1997 at the Town Hall for the continuation of business. Motion to continue meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To receive report of Town Officers and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Cemetery Land Trust already established and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser already established and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund already established and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Town Hall Expendable Maintenance General Fund Trust already established for the purpose of long range repairs and improvements to the Old Town Hall. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund already established for the completion of the Town Hall basement and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE. Money from sale of Town owned property.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund already established for continued restoration of Vital Records and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMAN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund already established for Landfill Closure. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the completion of the Bell Tower on the Town Hall. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town of Unity will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a New Fire Truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE. The Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Selectmen are to be named agents to this fund.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Capital Improvements to Lear Hill Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in this Fund and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Bridge Replacement to Davis's Bridge on Stage Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be placed in this Fund and name the Selectmen agents to expend the Fund. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE. Total \$94,000 over two year period.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$78,775 for the purpose of Capital Outlay Road Construction. This is offset by Highway Subsidy Funds. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums as stated in the posted Budget (MS6) in the following categories for a total of \$711,642. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	24,350
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,000
Financial Administration	35,000
Revaluation of Property	2,500
Legal	10,000
Personnel Administration	12,000
Planning & Zoning	5,000
General Government Buildings	9,000
Cemeteries	5,250
Insurance	32,000
Advertising	2,500
Tax Maps	500
Contingency Fund	1,000
Audit	3,500
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	35,000
Ambulance	10,294
Fire Department	27,500
Fire Warden	2,000
Emergency Management	2,000
Building Inspector	600
Fire Pond Fence	1,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS	
Highways	189,500
Class VI	500

SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	27,000
HEALTH	
Dog Control Officer	2,400
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,501
Household Hazardous Waste	2,000
Emergency Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,000
WELFARE	
Direct Assistance	7,000
CYA	2,000
Sullivan County Hospice	250
Southwestern Community Service	647
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	1,350
Library	5,500
Bell Tower	6,000
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	1,000
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	6,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Cemetery Land #3	1,000
Police Cruiser #4	3,000
Highway Vehicle #5	10,000
Town Hall Repairs #6	1,000
Town Hall Basement #7	60,000
Vital Records #8	2,000
Future Landfill Closure #9	40,000
Fire Truck #11	25,000
Lear Hill Road #12	40,000
Davis Bridge Replacement #13	45,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	711,642

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend without further action by Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 17. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Unity, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayer, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$5,000: for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$10,000: for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000

excluding the value of the person's residence. **REQUIRES A BALLOT VOTE. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of any such gift, valued at over \$5,000 , the public Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Public Library Trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or may be other wise disposed of as justice may require.

ARTICLE 21.To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen the authority to issue tax anticipation notes? **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose. **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE.**

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business as may come before the said meeting.

Selectmen of Unity
Edward A. Gregory, Chairman
Mary 'L Gere
Scott Levanovich

Town Clerk of Unity
Peggy Austin
Date Received: 2/12/97

TOWN OF UNITY TAX RATE COMPUTATION

			Tax Rates
Appropriations	640,477		
Less: Revenues	430,936 (120,000-town)		
Less: Shared Revenues	8,183		
Add: Overlay	24,847		
War Service Credits	<u>6,200</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		232,405	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/city Tax Effort		232,405	
Municipal Tax Rate			4.46
	--School Portion--		
Due to Local School	1,046,523		
Due to Regional School	0		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>11,683</u>		
Net School Appropriation		1,034,840	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,034,840	
School(s) Tax Rate			19.87
	--County Portion--		
Due to County	129,229		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>2,013</u>		
Net County Appropriation		127,216	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort		127,216	
County Tax Rate			<u>2.44</u>
Combined Tax Rate			26.77
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,394,461	
	--Commitment Analysis--		
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,394,461	
Less: War Service Credits		(6,200)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)		<u>0</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>1,388,261</u>	
	--Proof of Rate--		
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment	
52,090,413	26.77	1,394,461	
	1996 Bond Requirement		
Treasurer:	56,000 Tax Collector:	54,000	
Town Clerk:	12,000 Trustees of Trust Funds:	25,000	

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF UNITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
December 31, 1996

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars.

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals
	<u>Fund Types</u>			<u>Trust And</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projects</u>		<u>1996</u>
Cash and Equivalents	435,192	7,213		200,639	643,044
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles					
Taxes	262,485				262,485
Interfund Receivable	650	98	7,121		7,869
Notes receivable - noncurrent	43,512				43,512
	741,839	7,311	7,121	200,639	956,910

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	3,948				3,948
Intergovernmental Payable	423,523			14,293	437,816
Interfund Payable	7,219			650	7,869
Agency Deposits	11,420				11,420
Other Deferred Revenues	59,911				59,911
	506,021			14,943	520,964

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 December 31, 1996

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	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Fund Types</u>				
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Trust And</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>1996</u>
Equity					
Fund Balances					
Reserved for Endowments				21,282	21,282
Reserved for Encumbrances	4,027				4,027
Reserved for Special Purposes			7,121	164,414	171,535
Unreserved					
Designated for Special Purposes		7,311			7,311
Undesignated(deficit)	231,791				231,791
	235,818	7,311	7,121	185,696	435,946
	741,839	7,311	7,121	200,639	956,910

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF UNITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u> <u>December 31,</u> <u>1996</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>		
Revenues					
Taxes	1,444,287				1,444,287
Licenses and Permits	118,567				118,567
Intergovernmental	116,618				116,618
Charges for Services	8,393				8,393
Miscellaneous	15,268	462		7,628	23,358
Other Financing Sources					
Operating Transfers In	690	7,507		100,634	108,831
	1,703,823	7,969		108,262	1,820,054

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars.

Expenditures				
Current			161	140,659
General Government	140,498			65,896
Public Safety	65,896			189,800
Highways and Streets	189,800			23,048
Sanitation	23,048			5,714
Health	5,714			4,966
Welfare	4,966			7,481
Culture and Recreation	1,295	5,886	300	639
Conservation		639		10,690
Debt Service	10,690			

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TOWN OF UNITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals
				Fund Type	(Memorandum Only)
				Expendable	December 31,
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust	1996
Capital Outlay	31,784		1,117	90,900	123,801
Intergovernmental	1,175,752				1,175,752
Other Financing Uses					
Operating Transfers Out	108,134				108,134
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and	1,757,577	6,525	1,117	91,361	1,856,580
Other Financing Sources Over (Under)					
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(53,754)	1,444	(1,117)	16,901	(36,526)
Fund Balances - January 1	289,572	5,867	8,238	145,741	449,418
Fund Balances - December 31	235,818	7,311	7,121	162,642	412,892

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF UNITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars.

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Taxes	1,420,395	1,444,287	23,892
Licenses and Permits	92,560	118,567	26,007
Intergovernmental	115,296	116,618	1,322
Charges for Services	5,000	8,393	3,393
Miscellaneous	62,500	15,268	(47,232)
Other Financing Sources			
Operating Transfers In	478	690	212
	<u>1,696,229</u>	<u>1,703,823</u>	<u>7,594</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
General Government	152,800	140,498	12,302
Public Safety	66,725	64,131	2,594
Highways and Streets	190,000	189,800	200
Sanitation	29,200	23,048	6,152
Health	6,265	5,714	551
Welfare	9,897	4,966	4,931
Culture and Recreation	1,400	1,295	105
Conservation			
Debt Service	20,690	10,690	10,000
Capital Outlay		(2,216)	2,216
Intergovernmental	1,175,752	1,175,752	
Other Financing Uses			
Operating Transfers Out	163,500	108,134	55,366
	<u>1,816,229</u>	<u>1,721,812</u>	<u>94,417</u>
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other			
Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	(120,000)	(17,989)	102,011
Undesignated Fund Balances - January 1	<u>249,780</u>	<u>249,780</u>	
Undesignated Fund Balances - December 31	<u>129,780</u>	<u>231,791</u>	<u>102,011</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**TOWN OF UNITY
BUDGET COMPARISONS**

	Proposed 1997 Budget	Actual 1996 Budget	Over+ Under-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	24,350	22,950	+1,400
Election, Registration & Vit Statistics	8,000	9,500	-1,500
Financial Administration	35,000	35,000	0
Revaluation of Property	2,500	2,500	0
Legal	10,000	10,000	0
Personnel Administration	12,000	11,500	+500
Planning & Zoning	5,000	5,000	0
General Government Buildings	9,000	9,000	0
Cemeteries	5,250	5,250	0
Insurance	32,000	32,000	0
Advertising	2,500	2,500	0
Tax Maps	500	600	-100
Contingency Fund	1,000	1,000	0
Audit	3,500	6,000	-2,500
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	35,000	24,000	+11,000
Ambulance	10,294	10,125	+169
Fire Department	27,500	27,500	0

Fire Warden	2,000	2,000	0
Emergency Management	2,000	500	+1,500
Building Inspector	600	600	0
Fire Pond Fence	1,000	0	+1,000
Fire Pond (1996)	0	2,000	-2,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways	189,500	189,500	0
Class VI	500	500	0
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	27,000	27,000	0
HEALTH			
Dog Control Officer	2,400	2,400	0
Health Agencies & Hospitals	3,501	3,865	-364
Household Hazardous Waste	2,000	1,200	+800
Emergency Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,000	1,000	0
WELFARE			
Direct Assistance	7,000	7,000	0
Community Youth Advocates (CYA)	2,000	2,000	0
Sullivan County Hospice	250	250	0
Southwestern Community Service	647	647	0

BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Proposed 1997 Budget	Actual 1996 Budget	Over+ Under-
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	1,350	1,400	-50
Library	5,500	6,500	-1,000
Bell Tower	6,000	0	+6,000
CONSERVATION			
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000	0
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	10,000	-10,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds	0	690	-690
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	6,000	10,000	-4,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Cemetery Land	1,000	1,000	0
Police Cruiser	3,000	3,000	0
Highway Vehicle	10,000	6,000	+4,000
Town Hall Repairs	1,000	1,000	0
Town Hall Basement (no impact on tax rate)	60,000	60,000	0
Vital Records	2,000	2,000	0
Future Landfill Closure	40,000	40,000	0

Lear Hill Road	40,000	0	+40,000
North Shore Road (1996)	0	29,000	-29,000
Fire Truck	25,000	0	+25,000
Davis Bridge Replacement	45,000	0	+45,000
Recycling Site Work or Building	0	14,000	-14,000
TOTALS	\$711,642	640,477	+71,165

**TOWN OF UNITY
1996 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance	418,174.02
Selectmen's Orders	1,831,149.92
Service Charge	656.22
Money from Town	156,225.60
Money from Town Clerk	118,498.50
Money from Tax Collector	1,561,749.71
Interest for 1996	3,880.71
Ending Balance - Fleet Bank	426,752.40
Claremont Savings Bank - Payroll	7,600.15
N.H.C.F.C.U. - Conservation Comm.	901.64
Conn. River Bank - CD - Conservation Comm.	3,500.00
N.H.C.F.C.U.	25.00

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky C. Burt

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

1930	MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED .	\$114,241.50
147	VITAL RECORDS ISSUED	1,108.00
339	DOG LICENSES ISSUED	2,437.00
8	MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED	360.00
6	FILING FEES	6.00
6	BOAT REGISTRATIONS	40.00
31	LANDFILL VOUCHERS	186.00
	CIVIL FORFEITURE FINE	100.00
	RETURNED CHECK FEES	20.00

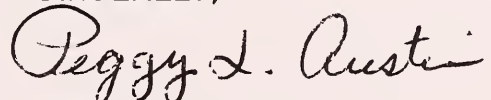
TOTAL TOWN CLERK COLLECTIONS . \$118,498.50

DEAR UNITY RESIDENTS,

EACH YEAR AT CHRISTMAS, WE ORGANIZE A "CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE" TO HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR SOME FAMILIES IN UNITY. WE INVITE ANYONE WISHING TO BE A PART OF THE "CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE" TO COME INTO THE OFFICE OR CALL DOTTIE MCCLAY ANYTIME FROM NOVEMBER 1ST ON.

WE ALSO WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO WERE A PART OF THE PROGRAM IN 1996. WE HAD AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE AND WERE ABLE TO HELP 36 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO HAVE A MERRIER CHRISTMAS. DOTTIE MCCLAY AND PRISCILLA SWENSEN WISH TO EXTEND THEIR THANKS AS WELL.

SINCERELY,



PEGGY L. AUSTIN
TOWN CLERK

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

1996 PROPERTY TAX	\$1,200,163.04
1996 YIELD (TIMBER) TAX	14,903.95
1996 CURRENT USE PENALTY	2442.00
1996 OVERPAYMENT (REFUNDED BY SELECTMEN)	712.77
1995 PROPERTY TAX (PRIOR TO LIEN)	182,249.56
1995 CURRENT USE PENALTY	2,800.00
1995 TAX LIEN	40,196.50
1994 TAX LIEN	34,362.04
1993 TAX LIEN	40,234.51
1993 PROPERTY TAX	847.00
1993 OVERPAYMENT (REFUNDED BY SELECTMEN)	14.50
1992 TAX LIEN	524.80
1991 TAX LIEN	23.00
1990 TAX LIEN	23.88
INTEREST & COSTS FOR ALL YEARS	42,252.16
TOTAL COLLECTED IN 1996	\$1,561,749.71

COMMITMENTS TO TAX COLLECTOR
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

1996 PROPERTY TAX	\$1,392,232.00
1996 YIELD (TIMBER) TAX	18,538.59
1996 CURRENT USE CHANGE PENALTY	2,512.00
TOTAL COMMITTED TO TAX COLLECTOR	\$1,413,282.59

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS EXECUTED IN 1996

1995 TAX LIEN EXECUTED 5/6/96	\$95,550.07
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*SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED/UNREDEEMED BALANCES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996*

1996 PROPERTY TAX	\$191,066.96
1996 YIELD (TIMBER) TAX	3,634.64
1995 TAX LIEN	52,945.29
1994 TAX LIEN	30,596.27
1993 TAX LIEN	6,433.23
1992 TAX LIEN	3,611.20
1991 TAX LIEN	1,225.05
1990 TAX LIEN	972.78
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED/UNREDEEMED	\$290,485.42

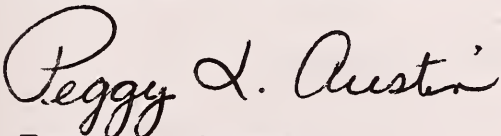
TAX ABATEMENT ISSUED IN 1996

1996 PROPERTY TAX	631.00
1996 CURRENT USE CHANGE PENALTY	70.00
1995 PROPERTY TAX	49.40
1995 YIELD (TIMBER) TAX	129.15
1995 TAX LIEN	2,021.69
1994 TAX LIEN	2,259.46
1993 TAX LIEN	1,940.74
1992 TAX LIEN	233.60
1991 TAX LIEN	72.39
1990 TAX LIEN	51.29
TOTAL ABATEMENTS ISSUED	\$7,458.72

SUMMARY OF TAX DEEDS ISSUED IN 1996

1 PROPERTY LOCATED ON MICA MINE ROAD BELONGING TO ATKINSON-DAVIS CORPORATION.	TOTAL TAXES	\$1,519.10
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



PEGGY L. AUSTIN
TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN OF UNITY - VITAL RECORDS**January 1- December 31, 1996****MARRIAGES**

<u>GROOM / BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Michael J. Batista Kristie Sue Heino	August 31, 1996	Newport, NH
Kevin Francis Butterworth Linda Mary Meade	September 7, 1996	Unity, NH
Lawrence D. Broadwell Kathleen Celeste Hoisington	March 9, 1996	Claremont, NH
Lucas Paul Carrier Kimberly Mary Creem	October 12, 1996	Claremont, NH
William J. Dalling Grace A. Deaky	February 24, 1996	Claremont, NH
Roger Lars Hall H. Grace Cann	October 9, 1996	Unity, NH
Christopher A. Manning Melissa Jean Dezan	June 15, 1996	Cornish, NH
Brian Patrick Walsh Lisa Michelle Dowd	September 14, 1996	Lyme, NH
Bruce Martin Willets Angela A. Walker	June 1, 1996	Goshen, NH

BIRTHS

<u>CHILD'S NAME / PARENTS</u>	<u>DATE OF EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
Morgan Victoria Busby Wilson A. & Heidi Busby	July 22, 1996	Lebanon, NH
Hannah Victoria Metilly Gary P. & Nancy A. Metilly	January 5, 1996	Unity, NH
Bruce William Willets Bruce M. & Angela A. Willets	October 3, 1996	Claremont, NH

Addition to 1995 Record:

Joshua Thomas Loring David R. & Philora A. Loring	February 1, 1995	Claremont, NH
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DEATHS

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF EVENT</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Albert Nicholas Archambault	April 21, 1996	Claremont
Ted Augustinowicz	March 30, 1996	Unity
Joseph A. Arel	August 7, 1996	Claremont
Maria Irma Beebe	October 15, 1996	Claremont
Anthony Joseph Bielski	November 7, 1996	Unity
Raymond Austin Brown	July 5, 1996	Claremont
Henry Isaac Chandler	December 29, 1996	Claremont
Marion E. Chapman	September 16, 1996	Claremont
Mildred G. Chartrand	December 10, 1996	Newport
Mary Cota	October 25, 1996	Claremont
Grace May Currier	December 1, 1996	Unity
Nina Marion Dempsey	June 12, 1996	Newport
Sarah Annie Easterbrook	October 9, 1996	Claremont
Annie N. Emerson	April 27, 1996	Claremont
Helena Rose Finlay	August 25, 1996	Cambridge, MA
Martha Frizzell	March 3, 1996	Charlestown
Ellen E. Godek	September 26, 1996	Claremont
Mary C. Harley	November 13, 1996	Unity
Dorothy Margaret Hart	July 11, 1996	Claremont
James L. Hathaway	February 5, 1996	Claremont
Blanche Louise Hentschel	May 31, 1996	Claremont
Georgianna Beatrice Jacques	March 21, 1996	Charlestown
Marion Ada Jenkins	June 18, 1996	Newbury
Irene E. Keehan	December 13, 1996	Claremont
Gladys M. Kingsley	October 10, 1996	Charlestown
Beatrice O. Klowan	January 24, 1996	Claremont
Margaret A. LaCasse	March 1, 1996	Claremont
Julia I. LaPorte	November 28, 1996	Claremont
Ruth Alice Laraway	January 31, 1996	Claremont
Dorothy M. Leonis	November 18, 1996	Claremont
Harriet Lena Loring	February 3, 1996	Unity
Irene N. Lunderville	February 10, 1996	Claremont
Morey Charles Miles	June 16, 1996	Claremont
Herman P. Ordway	January 27, 1996	Claremont
Pansy P. Penniman	April 15, 1996	Claremont
Marion Pomeroy	October 19, 1996	Claremont
Jeanne M. Riley	March 12, 1996	Claremont
Betty Lou Ripley	April 11, 1996	Unity
Blanche O. Rogers	November 19, 1996	Claremont
Joanna V. Sanford	October 21, 1996	Claremont
Dorothea Regina Sheeran	October 15, 1996	Claremont
Herbert William Slack	October 28, 1996	Unity
Frances M. Smith	August 18, 1996	Claremont
Donald Marvin Spooner	September 13, 1996	Unity
Kathleen M. Wolfe	June 10, 1996	North Walpole

TOWN OF UNITY EXPENSES

TOWN OFFICE SALARIES

Edward A. Gregory	\$1,000.00
Mary 'L Gere	750.00
Scott Levanovich	750.00
Peggy Austin	15,017.50
Margaret Clark	1,233.00
Vicky Burt	3,100.00
Patricia Lique	50.00
William Lawrence	1,200.00
TOTAL	23,100.50

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Michie	678.98
NYNEX	1,969.27
U.S. Post Office	2,888.75
Leo Roy Design & Const.	150.00
Robert Janell	265.44
Sullivan Counmty Reg. of Deeds	696.10
Wal-Mart	65.24
AT & T	97.78
Peggy Austin - mileage	752.67
Kimball's	44.12
Staples	235.56
Jeff Wells	242.61
Eagle Times	114.40
Priscilla Swensen - mileage	93.75
Sams	94.25
The Letter Man Press	2,693.15
Atlantic Turn Key	4,383.20
Argus Champion	19.95
Real Data	20.00
Viking Office Products	24.98
Five Star Systems	671.21
Peter Rhoades	442.50
Vicky Burt - mileage	420.68
Claremont Lock & Key	58.80
Market Basket	27.65
H Q	5.12
Conn. Valley Office Machines	405.54
Margaret Clark	140.00
NH Municipal Assoc.	25.00
Action Security Systems	1,345.26
Neip of Keene	227.00
G-Neil	13.99
Treasurer, State of NH	17.40
Town Hall Press	277.94

Building Officials & Code Admin.	228.00
Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept.	24.00
Service Charge	694.12
The Sign Doctor	150.00
Marguerite Hall - mileage	93.00

PAYROLL

Priscilla Swensen	13,918.73
TOTAL	34,716.14

TOWN HALL & BUILDINGS

N.H. Electric	1,094.32
Nynex	348.98
Blue Flame Gas	1,601.49
American Plate Glass	469.00
TVS Appliance	314.50
LaValley Bldg. Supply	59.34
Kenco Inc.	295.60
Unity School District (T.O. rent)	3,200.00
TOTAL	7,383.22

REVALUATION

Ann Mooney	2,386.25
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UNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Payment	27,500.00
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CIVIL DEFENSE

Unity Vol. Fire Dept.	500.00
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AMBULANCE

Golden Cross	10,125.00
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INSURANCE

Health Ins. Trust	7,167.76
The Mortenson Agency	15,779.00
Comp. Funds of N.H.	4,961.80
National Lab. Center	365.00
TOTAL	28,273.56

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lake sunapee Visiting Nurses	2,576.67
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CONTINGENCY FUND

Sanborn, Head & Association (Sargent's Pit)	884.97
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Payment	1,000.00
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ELECTION

Stark & Son Machining	135.17
Market Basket	13.74
Wal-Mart	27.39
Shop & Save	4.26
Butson's	10.64
The Sign Doctor	178.00
The Letter Man Press	127.20
CPI Printing	72.30
Dept. of Agriculture	72.00
Eagle Pub.	32.80
Will's	3.45
Treasurer, State of N.H.	963.00

PAYROLL

Tyney Cox	346.50
Marguerite Hall	305.25
Debra Desmarais	346.50
Shirley Osgood	261.25
Roberta Callum	49.50
Mary Ellen Bellimer	79.75
Margaret Clark	217.25
Peggy Austin	3,998.50
Fred Hall	363.00
Rose Aremburg	187.00
Bonny Polley	715.00
Nancy Ferguson	522.50
TOTAL	9,031.95

AUDIT

Plodzik & Sanderson	4,950.00
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POLICE

Gall's	753.64
T-Bird	23.50
Cellular One	300.05
Mobile Media	327.73
Treasurer, State of N.H.	533.74
State of N.H.	73.00
Sullivan County Radio Assoc.	125.00
Unity Vol. Fire Dept.	1,200.00
Canon Tire	1,021.47
Polaroid	254.95
Law Enforcement Targets	119.90
Silver Bullet	299.25

POLICE: cont.	
Washington Street Mobile	43.00
Ted Kinson	77.00
Fays	35.97
Asetex	829.98
Sid Browns Auto Body	374.34
Sams	36.67
R & R Communications	114.17
Stone House Forge	35.00
Claremont Police Dept. - Dispatch	3,600.00

PAYROLL

Barritt Bodkins	9,320.00
Christopher Gentes	3,689.75
TOTAL	23,188.11

RECREATION & PARKS

LaValley Buildilng Supply	44.27
George Dunn	237.78
H.A. Holt & Sons	148.75

PAYROLL

Ronald Lique	1,080.00
TOTAL	1,510.80

CEMETERIES

L. Valley Building Supply	10.78
Fleury's Small Engines	137.60

PAYROLL

Ronald Lique	4,971.00
TOTAL	5,119.38

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

N.H. Municipal Association	500.00
Newport Tax Department	15.00
Eagle Publications	1,039.80
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc.	145.00
News Leader	24.80
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
Argus Champion	31.00
N.H. Chiefs of Police	75.00
Northeast Recovery	75.20
Dora Rapalyea	33.00
The Margate on Winnipesaukee	258.00
N.H. City of Town Clerk Assoc.	20.00
The Hartford Current	191.40
The Boston Globe	133.30

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: cont.

The Balsams	200.00
Valley Regional Hospital	20.00
TOTAL	2,781.50

DOGS

Agway	93.04
Ron Ferguson - mileage	128.86
Fay's	43.65
The Depot Homecenter	1.07

PAYROLL

Ronald Ferguson	343.00
TOTAL	609.62

ROAD BONDS

Pinetree Lumber	1,820.00
Allard Lumber	948.00
Clifford Stone	1,000.00
TOTAL	3,768.00

EMERGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Treasurer, State of N.H.	50.00
Pollution Solutions	576.25
TOTAL	626.25

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission	440.75
20.5 households participated in the Sept. 7th collection in Sunapee	

TEMPORARY LOANS

Shawmut Bank	10,000.00
INTEREST	
Shawmut Bank	690.00

LIBRARY

Unity Free Library	3,100.00
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PAYROLL

Patricia Lique	3,302.50
TOTAL	6,402.50

WELFARE

Southwestern Community Service	647.00
CYA	2,000.00
Sullivan County Hospice	250.00
Direct Assistance	

WELFARE: cont.

Payments	2,069.45
TOTAL	4,966.45

LEGAL

Jackson, Yazinski & McLaughlin	5,791.00
Sullivan County Superior Court	115.00
Windsor County Sheriffs Department	46.05
TOTAL	5,952.05

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN OF UNITY

Peggy Austin, Tax Collector	95,550.07
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FIRE POND

Beaudry Enterprises, Inc.	2,000.00
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LANDFILL

R.N. Johnson	23.39
N.H. Electric	271.16
Nynex	347.41
George Dunn	3,100.98
Treasurer, State of N.H.	777.06
The Rental Center	181.01
L.E. Weed	333.89
Dennis Lumber	212.84
Northeast Resource Recovery	188.87
Reliable Paper	148.43
G.F. Chemical	535.00
Kimberly Groat	94.75
Merriam Graves	46.40
Pinetree Recycling Corp.	779.00
Advanced Recycling	209.10
Jewell Resources	1,151.17
Sanel Auto Parts	25.27
Frank W. Whitcomb	4,926.21
R.L. Balla	241.92
Redi-Print	53.35
Peggy Austin	16.00
G.S. Truck Equipment	507.70
Aarron Samual Const.	650.00

PAYROLL

Carol Carley	4,498.00
Kimberly Groat	3,306.00
Wayne Groat	38.00
Bernice Clough	16.25
Alvin Smith	202.00
	22,881.16

Highway Hours	+ 2,251.72
TOTAL	25,132.88

HIGHWAY

Akzo Salt	9,008.99
United Const.	16,427.20
N.H. Electric	1,178.88
Nynex	556.92
Rice Oil	10,771.24
Merriam Graves	839.64
G.F. Chemical	535.00
Sanel Auto Parts	2,434.06
Cheever Tire	2,051.54
Dennis Lumber	317.37
U.S. Cellular	276.20
L.E. Weed	304.24
S. G. Truck Service	4,377.60
S. T. Electronics	5.00
Dick Sturtevant	84.25
Ted Kinson	41.99
Newport Health Center	95.32
Grappone Industrial	15,248.24
R. N. Johnson	239.81
Fulton's Service Station	995.18
Howard Fairfield	1,709.25
Worksafe	176.29
Donovan Spring	486.92
Blaktop	1,646.70
Larry Dufresne	900.00
Harold Booth	10.00
E. W. Sleeper	117.39
St. Pierre	847.02
Steve Fellows	866.25
W. E. Small Engines	17.00
Spofford Electronics	509.00
N.H. Northern	240.32
Skeets	225.00
Burt Machine	93.75
Ron's Fix-it Shop	95.88
Fleury's Small Engine	14.20
Burtco	3,539.87
The Sign Doctor	4,000.00
Pike	2,702.70
Goshen Auto Wrecking Co.	58.67
Skywave Safety	396.00
A & M Auto	116.52
Chappell	130.92
Milton Jewell	3,218.80

Main Drilling & Blasting	325.00
Don Davis Const.	3,457.50
Eldon Owens	1,100.00
Linda Brown	440.00
Great Northern Envir. Ser.	3,180.31
Paul & Son Ford	249.95
G. H. Caron & Son	13,304.00
Agway	8.99
R.L. Balla	1,459.20
Peter Baker	150.00
Fred Hall	150.00
Reed Mineral	106.00
Carroll Concrete	735.60
Beaudry Enterprises	80.00
Gall's	49.98
Rockingham Electric	85.76
LaValley Bld. Supply	61.30
Marro Home Center	69.57
Red Hed Supply	72.00
The Rental Center	163.00
National Safety Equip.	517.35
Unity Electric	457.16
Aarron Samuel Const.	1,800.00
Treasurer, State of N.H.	451.02

PAYROLL

Alvin Smith	29,155.30
Richard Sturtevant	23,610.90
Harold Booth	20,849.00
Landfill hours	- 2,251.72
TOTAL	187,764.29

HIGHWAY HOURS

Plowing & Sanding	1985
Plowing	15
Garage	1103
Landfill	219
Vacation Day	336
Shimming	24
County Farm Meeting	1.5
Personal Day	48
Holiday	216
Washouts	345.5
Ice Problems	15
Sanding	92
Steam Culverts	38.5
Patch	349
Grading	427
Culverts	259.5
Storm Damage	101
Sweeping	17
Mud Slide	9
Travel	13.5
North Shore Road	642
Fill To Dump	46
Beaver Problems	16.5
Ditches	580.5
Blasting Rock	16
Haul Gravel	24
Chloride	3
Cut Brush	34.5
Mulch Banks	25.5
Meeting With Selectmen	6
Drug Tests & Meetings	13
Safety Meetings	5
Plank Bridge	32
TOTAL HOURS	7058.5

HIGHWAY VEHICLE INVENTORY

1958 Austin Grader	1970 International C-100
1975 Huber Grader	1985 International Dump
1983 International Truck	1990 John Deere Bucket-loader
1991 Ford Backhoe	1987 Ford Dump Truck
1993 Ford F-350	1972 Eastfield Trailer
1989 TH-SP-8 Culvert Thawer	1985 International Dump

NORTH SHORE ROAD PROJECT

Larry Wiggins	1,805.00
Conteck	1,830.40
Don Davis Const.	468.80
L. E. Weed & Son	8,115.65
Maine Drilling & Blasting	325.00
Burtco	1,006.70
G. H. Caron & Son	1,920.00
Frank W. Whitcomb	75,360.30
Atlantic Testing Lab.	822.00
TOTAL PROJECT	91,653.85

**LANDFILL BUILDING
1996 REPORT**

Balance 12-31-95	13,414.00
Appropriation - 1996	14,000.00
TOTAL	27,414.00
Expended	
The Rental Center	1,327.86
Perry Mt. Lumber	1,424.14
Aaron Samual Const.	650.00
LaValley Bldg. Supply	6,924.79
L. E. Weed	1,188.88
G.H. Caron & Son	4,718.00
Carroll Concrete	135.35
Contech	1,372.80
Total spent to date, not completed.	17,741.82

UNITY RECYCLING/LANDFILL 1996 REPORT

Since March of 1996 the town has recycled and been paid for 91,112 lbs. of plastic, paper products and metal. The town has received \$1,580.62 for these materials as well as leaving more room and more years in the burial section for non-recyclables.

Scrap metal shipped out weighed 66,700 lbs. which was offset by Jewell Enterprises removing tires from the old tire pile. The metal generated \$2,095.08, with \$1,703.35 charged back to the town for material handling. The tire pile was reduced by the same company for \$1,542.90. The net charged to the town for this venture was \$1,151.17. Incoming quantities of tires for freon units have declined sharply since the charge was initiated. Only 30 tires and 12 freon units have been received which is a large reduction from previous years.

Total man hours expended at the site are 1,438. This breaks down to 1,032.75 hours of paid labor and 405.25 hours of volunteer labor. Of the volunteer labor 291.75 hours were spent on set-up of the equipment, arranging pick-ups and help and clean-up. Processing clothing accounted for 29.50 hours of volunteer labor. The clothing was donated to various charities as no workable market was found. 84 hours were spent by volunteers baling plastic.

At the time of this report, the recycling building is nearly complete, and is expected to be in use soon.

The well samplings from around the site, mandated by the state, are coming back from the testing laboratory with readings well within safety guidelines. This is a plus in that the town now must also acquire a federal EPA permit. The groundwater tests are an essential step in acquiring the federal permit. Acquisition of the federal permit allows the town to apply for federal funds in the future.

We would like to thank our volunteers for their time and effort. In particular - Alvin Smith - his ideas and common sense approach has saved enormous amounts of work and useless delays.

RECYCLABLES **1996 TOTAL**

	<u>Maga-</u> <u>zines</u>	<u>News-</u> <u>paper</u>	<u>Card-</u> <u>board</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ Amt.</u>
January	1,600	4,000	3,600	400	9,600	\$190.00
February						
March	3,036	5,239	2,425	467	11,167	\$169.60
April	1,610	2,232	4,760	230	8,832	\$126.33
May						
June	1,800	4,301	3,997	375	10,473	\$145.41
July	1,983	2,320	2,890	373	7,566	\$106.76
August	1,326	4,271	4,186	340	10,123	\$140.32
September						
October	2,103	3,943	3,088	412	9,546	\$142.82
November	<u>2,041</u>	<u>3,521</u>	<u>2,264</u>	—	<u>7,826</u>	<u>\$108.59</u>
December						
Total	15,499	29,827	27,210	2,597	75,133	\$1,129.83
#1, #2 Hard, #2 Plastic					6,033 lbs.	\$345.44
Aluminum					1,120 lbs.	\$342.20
Tire & Freon Coupons						\$186.00
Mixed colored glass (Glass is used for fill-saving appr. \$1,200.00)					81,600 lbs.	
Tin Cans					11,840 lbs.	\$237.86
Scrap Metal					62,860 lbs.	\$1,857.22
Used Motor Oil					420 gallons	
Clothing - There is no measurable weight for the used clothing, all usable clothing was donated to various charities . Appr. 40 lg. (55 gal.) bags.						
Total Lbs: 238, 586 420 Gallons \$Total - \$4,098.55						

UNITY PLANNING BOARD 1996 REPORT

Another year has rolled around, and so it's time to let the people of Unity know what has happened in 1996.

The Planning Board has put in a lot of hours updating the Master Plan. This process takes place every five years, to keep up with the changing times. There was a Public Hearing on changes to the Master Plan and was very disappointing to the Planning Board with only one in attendance. For our next Public Hearing the Planning Board will post notices and send out cards.

This coming year the Planning Board is updating the Subdivision Regulations. This is to go along with the new RSAs our legislators in Concord have put through. The Planning Board would like some input from our Town's people.

All the gravel pits in Unity are considered abandoned. To start operating a gravel pit now in Unity you have to have a permit.

This year the Planning Board acted on seven driveway permits, two subdivisions and one annexation.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Hall, Chairman
Floyd Rice, Co-Chairman
Mary 'L Gere, Ex-Officio
Ken Hall
Randy Adams
Priscilla Swensen, Secretary
Nancy Zekos, Alternate

**PLANNING BOARD
1996 REPORT**

Town Appropriation	5,000.00
Eagle Pub.	369.00
Upper Valley (inc. dues \$1247.00 & credit for 1997 of \$1800.00	3,117.00
Jackson, Yazinski & McLaughlin	165.00
Leon Geil	456.40
Office of State Planning	40.00
U.S. Post Office	85.68
Priscilla Swensen, Secretary's salary	600.00
NHMA	30.00
Sullivan County Registry of Deeds	42.00
TOTAL	<u>4,905.08</u>
Back to general fund	94.92

Subdivisions

Arthur Kosch - Egan Road - 2 lots
Laura Partridge - Thurber Road - 2 lots

Annexations

Edward & Nickolas Maynes, Cold Pond Road

Driveway Permits

Thomas Wilson, Copeland Brook Road
John Ayer, Britton Road
Richard Robitelle, Dunham Road
Robert Brown, Cold Pond Road
Clifford Stone, Cold Pond Road
Tina Zampini, Gilman Pond Road
Robert Trabka, Gilman Pond Road

Income for 1996

Subdivisions & Annexations	90.80
2 Master Plans	20.00
3 sets of regulations	15.00
Engineering fees	456.40

TOTAL	582.20
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**UNITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1996 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT**

Town Appropriation	6,500.00
Balance 1995 Salary	11.51
Interest Checking	49.73
Trust Fund Interest	4.64
Refund	10.00
N.H. Charitable Foundation	280.00
Book Sale	<u>5.00</u>
Total Income	6,860.88
Librarian's Salary	3,400.00
Telephone	462.87
Reference Books	833.99
Supplies	70.83
Magazines	186.24
Stamps	36.00
Dues	40.00
Newspaper	20.00
Adult Books	566.24
Office Equipment	40.00
Showing Video's	204.40
Misc.	25.62
Balance left	<u>974.69</u>
Total Expenses	6,860.88

Martha Morse, Chairperson
Marguerite C. Hall, Treasurer

UNITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 1996 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I hope that by the time you have finished reading this report, that you will really feel that the little library nestled in the compound of the Unity Elementary School and the Unity Town Offices, is little only on the outside. There really is a lot of things that happen within the walls of the Unity Free Public Library.

I fear that the population of Unity does not really know that the **public library**, is housed within this building. Yes! the school library is in the same room, but please know that after school closes each day, the **UNITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, is an honest to goodness working place of business--dedicated to the townspeople of Unity.

We serve all ages, with books for young and old and everywhere else in between and the hours for the library are as follows:

HOURS OPEN: Summer Hours - Mon., Tues., Wed. Thurs, and Fridays 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm - these hours start on May 1st until September 1st. There are no Saturday hours in the summer months. This has come about because of nonparticipation.

Winter Hours: Mondays, Tues, Wed., Thurs. & Fridays 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm
Saturdays 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

I'm closed at times of sickness--as I am the only one there, but we are in hopes of being able to remedy this in the near future. If there is a stormy day, and I'm unable to get there, you will hear the cancellation on KIXX radio. I try to have it there by noon of that day.

The library carries: Magazines (nice ones), Videos (many educational-some not, but all good material). Books-adult fiction, junior fiction, adult non-fiction, junior non-fiction, easy readers for the little people, paperbacks (very careful about what is on the rack). We try each year to purchase some of the latest books available. We have a reference section in the library, and this includes, among other things: a complete set - up to date - New Hampshire RSA's. New books were purchased this year and you may have seen a list in the newspaper.

Two newspapers come into the library--The News Leader, and the Argus Champion--they are here for you to see.

If you are looking for a book that we do not have-Inter-Library Loans come into play. There is no need for you to not get the book that you are after, unless, of course the libraryies that I Inter-library loan from do not have them. This is rare. Also if they have the book and it is out-I can be put on a waiting list. We also use the New Hampshire State Library to Inter-Library Loan.

Our library has a Van Service, that comes to Richards Library in Newport, NH from the state library. So you see, we are in there plugging for you.

Please remember the word small might mean the space we have--but the library action is very large.

We have a Board of Trustees, (3) who work so well together, and this year the Trustees and the "Friends of the Library" have been interacting more, which is a big boost.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: cont.

If anyone would like to become a member of the Friends of the Library, please contact Ethel Jarvis.

We offer programs: One has been and still is, **MAMA CARE PERSONAL LEARNING SYSTEM**, Breast Self Exam with a 45 minute video. We had a meeting at the town hall in '96 so that anyone could come and be introduced to the program. Mrs. Lorandean came to speak on the material presented. Not many showed up, but we thank those that did, because if we can get a message to at least one person, we have accomplished our goal. The equipment is at the library for anyone to borrow. If there is anyone out there that thinks they would like to have a meeting, all it takes is a few to present it again. Contact the librarian at 543-3253 (library number).

RABIES CLINIC: This is a program that is put on every spring in the parking lot of the Unity Elementary School, in area of the library door. It is sponsored by "The Friends of the Library". Shots for cats, dogs and any other creature, Hamsters, etc. **This year it is: April 26, 1997 - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Price: \$7.00 per animal, Clinic: Weldell Veterinarian Clinic with J. Johnson**

VIDEO PROGRAM: Last year, under goals for 1996, in the town report, I mentioned that the library would like to resume the video program at the Sullivan County Nursing Home. We had that program-It began in May 1996, and will go for sixteen more weeks at the time of this printing. Mrs. Elliott, a Unity School Teacher, came to the Trustees, telling them that she could apply for a Grant, that would handle our situation. She could not promise anything one way or the other, but that she would try. She did--and through working with the Trustees, the program began, as mentioned above. **IT IS THIS KIND OF PERSON WHO IS WILLING TO COME FORWARD AND LEND A HELPING HAND TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN, THAT MAKES IT NICE FOR THE LIBRARY, AND BELIEVE ME, WHEN I TELL YOU-MAKES THE PEOPLE AT THE NURSING HOME HAPPY. MANY, MANY, THANKS TO MRS. ELLIOTT, FROM THE TRUSTEES AND LIBRARIAN OF THE UNITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 1996: Visitors, (not school students) 155: Books Loaned, 293 (in 1995, 270 books) slight increase: Books Loaned to students (School Lib. Day) 627 (1995-445) an increase: Books Accessioned, 39: New Patrons, (1996 tot. 472) (1995 tot. 425) an increase of 47 new members. Also remember this counts new students each year. We are pleased with our adult population increase also. Inter-Library Loans 12 (last yr. 18): Inter-Library Loans-State Lib. 2: Inter-Library Loans not accomplished-libraries did not have it-not in print, etc. -- Magazines loaned, 28 - Videos loaned, 48 - Paperbacks loaned, 78 - Paperbacks donated, 156 - Renewals, 4 - Videos - 1 set Biblical.

Please make use of your library - a book is an unconditional friend. It won't talk back and if you don't like what it is saying - you can put it down and forget about it.

GOALS FOR 1997: To continue with the volunteer program with the handicapped. Into its fourth year now. Trying to establish a training program on library techniques and skills for students and parents. Also to help with reading, young or older.

Patricia L. Lique
Librarian, (certified)

UNITY OLD HOME DAY
1996

IN MEMORY OF CLYDE QUIMBY

His picture is in the Historical Society's Room in Town Hall

On Friday evening prior to Old Home Day on Saturday, the committee has to go to the town common to set up the large tent, and a tarp, to put the booths under, in case of bad weather, and for whatever reason, this particular Friday evening every year is when the torrents of rain, and hard winds hit us, that haven't blown that hard all winter, and this was no exception -- the weatherman did not let us down.

The committee and volunteers from the fire department and many others came to set up the big tent (and not easy because the wind whipped uncontrollably) and then worked on the long tarp. That whipped around so badly that nobody could handle it. The wind literally picked one volunteer off his feet. Finally the idea of having the tarp for shelter was given up.

The Lique's stayed in their motorhome at the park that night to watch over the big tent and some of the food concessions that came in on Friday evening, and at 3:00 am the wind had finally brought down one corner of the large tent, so Ron went out and lowered the rest of it and in the morning we called Emily Fairweather to have her come and pick it up. There was no way we could put it up Saturday am because the wind was still terrible.

We put as many booths as we could into the town hall, and really let the people who were to set up outside decide whether they were going to or not, and as luck would have it many battled the wind.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO STUCK BY US, AND WENT WITH THE PROGRAM TO MAKE IT AN ALMOST PERFECT DAY.

A huge disappointment was the fact that the helicopter could not fly that day. Mr. Nehrkorn did fly in a couple of times that I saw him, and he just couldn't take the chance of an accident.

This year I'm not going to try to mention everyone individually that helped make the Old Home Day a go, because nothing is more embarrassing than missing someone. What I will say is: Without booths, and many return each year, food concessions, 4-H, Entertainment, specialty booths, Work projects (Bell Tower) parade participation, Antique autos, tractors, and the Fire Departments, Unity and other towns, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, and all of the civic minded people that work at whatever to bring to you a great day. We must not forget the highway department for keeping the road around the town hall nice, because that washes away with the rains, and they bring the flat bed to us.

We would like to thank the Selectmen. We do make reports to them, but they don't interfere with what we are doing, as long as we stay within our committments.

Very important are the folks that come from far and near to enjoy the day.

You need to know that whatever we did at Old Home Day can be seen whenever

you want to come to the Library and sign out videos of several years of Old Home Days, so kindly done by Mr. John Fontaine. We thank God for this man who does this for us, because memory is fine, but this way it can be viewed again and again.

Our Speaker for the day, Mr. Rod Gray, Chairman of the Bell Tower Project, on Town Hall. He did a swell job letting the public know just what is going on.

Many, many people work to put Old Home Day on besides the committee. Judges for the parade, floats, autos, tractors, fire trucks (Thank you to them).

Winners: Pie Baking Contest - Marjorie Reed (1st place), Mrs. Bellimer (2nd place)- after judging, the pies were sold to help the Bell Tower Project.

Winner Pie eating contest: 1st place Isaiah Metilly

Winners of Antique Autos - Most Original, Ray Brown, Best Appearance, Rod Gray. Antique Tractors - Most Original, Norman Fellows, Best Appearance, Jim Belanger - Fire Trucks - Best Appearance, Lempster, NH; Oldest Still in Service, Unity.

Walking Participants - 1st place, American Legion Band from Bellows Fall, Vt. 2nd place, Llamas

Oldest Unity Native - born and living in Unity (present) Ralph Reed

Oldest Person - born in Unity, not a resident (present) Hazel A. Rich

Oldest Unity Resident (present) Betty Hull

But I need to tell you -- Actually the oldest Unity Resident present and has been for several years was Clifford Stone, but his name was put on a plaque and it is at the Historical Society in Town Hall.

Also: Oldest Person born in Unity, but not a resident present: Charles A. Pockett, also attending Old Home Day each year, also oldest for many years, name was put on a plaque and placed in the Historical Society in Town Hall, Unity.

The committee thought that we were doing something to honor these people. There are others on that plaque as well. Ina Thurber, Tyyne Cox, Zelia Hannaford. You need to make your way to see this.

Thank you to the Unity School --Upcoming Eight Graders for the supper that follows the days activities. Once the committee is all done, we look forward to heading toward that supper. Good Job Gang!

Sincerely,
The Committee "96"
Judy Smith, Margaret Clark,
Roberta Callum, Bob Brown,
Ron & Pat Lique

**STATEMENT OF BAKED BEAN AND HAM SUPPER
AND OLD HOME DAY MAY 3, 1996**

When we began even thinking about O.H.D. we had	(in trust) \$398.00
We borrowed from Trust/to put on supper	<u>300.00</u>
Leaving	(in trust) 98.00
Began Supper with	\$300.00
Took in on supper tickets	<u>873.89</u>
Total on hand	\$1,173.89
Expenses	345.52
End Bal. after supper	\$828.37
Add this to what's in trust:	\$926.37
To start Old Home Day 1996	\$926.37
Income from O.H.D.	<u>314.00</u>
Total	\$1,240.37
Expenses O.H.D.	<u>626.37</u>
End Balance	\$614.00

This is what is left to start Old Home Day 1997 with/plus what little interest placed in trust.

Judith Smith, Treasurer
Ron & Pat Lique, Chairpersons

**BUILDING INSPECTORS
1996 REPORT**

During 1996, I issued a total of 38 building permits, for the following:

Houses	5
Manufactured Housing	10
Garages	12
Barns	4
Storage Bldgs.	2
Sugar House	1
Additions	<u>4</u>
 TOTAL	 38

Ronald E. Lique, Sr.
Building Inspector
Unity, NH

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT &
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPTS.
1996 REPORT**

In 1996 the Hearse House, located at the Center Cemetery is completed. The building had to have structure repair, and had to be painted.

The East Unity Center had the brush all cut, from wall to wall. This is the first time in many, many years.

The brush and wood cutting in the Marshall Cemetery is almost complete. There is a little more brush to burn.

The lawn in front of the Town Hall was loamed and seeded. I need to do some more this year on the common side of the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald E. Lique, Sr.
Sexton

HEALTH OFFICER'S 1996 REPORT

As Health Officer I have performed the following duties and responsibilities: Reviewed and approved 25 septic designs (5 of which were reviewed twice after revisions were made), issued 4 certificates of occupancy. I have investigated several complaints, which presently are ongoing.

If any one needs assistance in public health issues my office is located in Charlestown and I am available by appointment at 835-2162.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Lawrence
Health Officer

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Unity Stage Road - 34 acres	19,300
Cold Pond Road - 1.2 acres	3,700
Cold Pond Road - 3 acres	1,900
Blueberry Hill Road - 10 acres	16,200
Four Wheel Drive - 3.7 acres	5,200
Eastman Loop .4 acres (cul-de-sac)	-0-
Center Road - 5.8 acres	3,400
Black North Road - 3.8 acres	7,000
Albert Reed Estate - .39 acres	8,100
Unity Springs Raod - .34 acres	5,100
Lemere Road - Septage - 24 acres	22,600
Four Wheel Drive - 4.6 acres	6,400
Old Bible Hill Road - 27.7 acres	15,900
Mica Mine Road - Cemetery - 1 acre	-0-
Lemere Road - Landfill - 15.2 acres	38,100
Carroll Brook Road - Cemetery - .9 acres	-0-
2nd N.H. Turnpike - Town Hall - .4 acres	178,700
2nd N.H. Turnpike - Common - 1.5 acres	15,400
Carroll Brook Road - Cemetery - 3.1 acres	-0-
2nd N.H. Turnpike - School - 7.2 acres	476,200
2nd N.H. Turnpike - Fire Station - .7 acres	138,800
FWD Pumper	6,500
Gilman Pond Road - Cemetery - 1.1 acres	-0-
Page Road - .3 acres	400
Unity Springs Road - .3 acres	4,900
2nd N.H. Turnpike - Highway Garage - .7 acres	31,600
Unity Stage Road - 3.57 acres	6,200
Mica Mine Road - 30 acres	13,500
Cold Pond Road - .9 acres	8,600
North Shore Road - 10 acres w/ buildings	78,700
Libraries, Furniture & Equipment	50,000
Highway Equipment	221,600
Material & Supplies - Town Office	10,000
Police Equipment & Cruiser	17,100
Town Hall Furniture & Equipment	11,500
Unity Springs Road - 10.8 acres	14,700
TOTAL	1,437,300

DATES THE TOWN HALL WAS USED IN 1996

January - 16th, Recycling Committee; 24th, Conservation Commission

February - 13th, Budget Hearing; 14th, Tax Collectors Meeting;
29th Jodie McClay

March - 12th, Elections; 16th, Town Meeting; 27th, Conservation
Commission; 30th, Bell Town Committee

April - 13th, Bell Tower Committee; 24th, Conservation Commission;
27th, Building Committee, Bell Tower Committee;
30th, Unity Elementary School

May - 4th, Bell Tower Committee; 7th, Unity Elementary School; 11th, Bell
Tower Committee; 14th, Unity Elementary School; 18th, Lance Callum;
21st, Unity Elementary School, Unity Free Library; 25th, Bell Tower
Committee; 28th, Unity Elementary School; 29th, Conservation
Commission

June - 1st, Bell Tower Committee; 3rd, D.A.R.E. Graduation; 4th, Unity
Elementary School; 6th, Unity Planning Board; 8th, Bell Tower
Committee; 12-14th, Unity Elementary School; 15th, Bell Tower
Committee; 17-18th, Unity Elementary School; 19th, Conservation
Commission; 22nd, Bell Tower Committee

July - 6th, Bell Tower Committee; 11th, Unity Planning Board; 13th, Bell
Tower Committee; 20th, Old Home Day; 24th, Conservation Commission;
29th, Public Hearing with Robert Naylor/Newport

August - 10th, Bell Tower Committee; 11th, Linda Callum; 17th, Bell Tower
Committee; 28th, Conservation Commission

September - 10th, Primary Elections; 14th, Bell Tower Committee; 21st, Bell
Tower Committee; 25th, Conservation Commission

October - 5th, Bell Tower Committee; 9th, Flue Clinic; 19th, Bell Tower
Committee; 21st, Unity Elementary School; 26th, Bell Tower Committee,
4-H Club; 30th, Conservation Commission

November - 1st, Soccer Banquet; 2nd, Bell Tower Committee;
5th, Presidential & Governatorial Elections; 9th, Bell Tower Committee;
16th, Bell Tower Committee; 20th, Conservation Commission, 23rd,
Bell Tower Committee, 30th, Bell Tower Committee

December - 10th, Unity Elementary School, Holiday program; 14th, Ski-Doo
Club; 16th, Public Hearing on demolition; 17th, Conservation Commission

UNITY CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996 REPORT

In 1963 the State of New Hampshire passed a new law which encouraged towns and cities to form conservation commissions "for the proper utilization and protection of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources..."but it was 1965 before any town commissions were formed. By 1971 the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions was established, with a part-time director, but it was not until 1980 that there was a full-time state-wide organization. Over those early years most NH towns and cities formed local commissions and much work was done in the area of identifying and listing wetlands and other natural resources which were considered to be especially valuable.

The Unity Conservation Commission was formed in 1986. The Unity Conservation Commission's first accomplishment was the acquisition of a 42 acre parcel near Quaker Meeting House which was donated to the town by Larry Page, Stan McCumber and Margaret DeLude, along with a cash gift of \$500.00 from Mrs. DeLude for the purpose of maintenance and care of the recreation area thus created. An additional gift of \$9,812.00 was willed to the town by the estate of Margaret DeLude, "for the purposes of conservation or recreation in the Town of Unity." Those funds have remained in the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Because Conservation Commissions are the only local authorities specifically concerned with natural resources, they are responsible for receiving, in the Town's name, properties and easements acquired for conservation purposes. They are also expected to identify and work to preserve special features, both natural and man-made, which are deemed to be especially valuable to the town. They are empowered to advise the Planning Board or Selectmen but the Commission has very little direct authority except as regards to wetland.

In Unity we have identified and indexed most significant wetlands by surveying aerial photos and relating them to town tax maps and we have been able to establish the permanent preservation of 232 acres around Marshall Pond by way of a development easement which restricts its use to farm fields and woodlots. That easement was acquired at no cost to the town other than legal fees and paperhandling costs because we were able to convince the owners (Sullivan County) to donate the easement. We are now working to get them to donate a similar easement to a 258 acre parcel known as the Judkins Lot. We are also planning to approach the Town of Newport to donate the development easement to the land they own around Gilman Pond.

We have also inventoried the 30 properties which are owned by the town, and we are consulting with the Selectmen as to which of these properties ought to be so protected.

Thus far the Unity Conservation Commission has restricted its activity to identifying and indexing features which we believe to be especially valuable and to encouraging the owners thereof to preserve them by donating development easements. However, restricting the future use of property by development easement usually diminishes the commercial value so we expect the time will come when

Conservation Commission: cont.

the owners of some properties will need to be paid for their easements.

With that in mind, the state law provides for individual commissions to build a fund for that purpose. The Town has funded the Unity Conservation Commission at \$1,000.00 per year for operating expenses which we have kept very low, so the commission has built up a fund which now stands at \$4421.73. Sixty NH towns now supplement their commission's funds by committing all or part of the Change-oUse penalties collected thereto. We encourage the people of Unity to consider the advisability of such an arrangement here. We think such an arrangement would prove, in the long run, to be a net cashflow gain to the town because a number of studies show that undeveloped lands bring in more in taxes than they cost in town services.

So far we have concentrated on wetlands and parcels of undeveloped land but the State Law also encourages towns to identify and preserve such special features as scenic views and historic features like old mill-sites. Now therefore we ask anyone in Unity to contact any of us if you know of a special feature, either natural or man-made, that you think ought to be preserved. Better still, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to know more about donating the easement to some special feature which they own.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Bridge

Ethel Jarvis

Jenny Wright

Bardy Flanders

Richard Tatem

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1996 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance 1-1-96	4,061.60
Deposit 1996 Appropriation 7-10-96	1,000.00
Interest from Accounts in NH Community Federal Credit Union	3.80
Total Assets	5,065.40
Minus Total Expenditures	638.67
Ending Balance 12-31-96	4,426.73

Breakdown of Accounts

NH Community Federal Union Savings Account	25.09
NH Community Federal Credit Union Money Market Account	3,500.00
Certificate of Deposit Connecticut River Bank	901.64
Total Ending Balance 12-31-96	4,426.73

Breakdown of Operating Expenses

1-05-96 U.S.P.O. (Stamps and Postcards)	50.00
3-05-96 NH Association of Conservation Commission (Dues)	150.00
4-12-96 Town of Unity (Tax Maps)	60.00
7-16-96 NH Association of Conservation Commission (2 handbooks @ \$15.00 each)	30.00
9-19-96 U.S. States Government (Aerial Maps)	200.00
11-30-96 Town of Acworth (Shared Expense for Water Testing of Crescent Lake 1995-96)	138.67
12-31-96 Activity Fees	10.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$638.67

UNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

Accidents	47	Alarms	*51
Assist Other Department	13	Animal Complaints	8
Assualts	3	Be On Look-out	4
Building Checks	4	Burglary	9
Check Well Being	4	Criminal Mischief	22
Community Service	9	Dog Calls	69
Disabled Vehicles	15	DWI's	2
Dump Complaints	2	Fire Calls	13
Found Property	5	Harassment	4
Highway Matters	14	Juvenile Problems	14
Keep the Peace	3	Lost Property	3
Medical Emergencies	7	Manner of Operation	2
MV Stops	124	Noise Complaints	5
OHRV Complaints	2	Pistol Permits	20
Police Information	44	Public Hazards	3
Request Officer	36	Serve Paperwork	12
Shots Fired	3	Suspicious Activity	26
Theft	19	Town Office Requests	17
Traffic Problems	4	Traces 9-1-1	7

Total # of Calls 647

Calls Handled by other Agencies 102

*Alarm Breakdown - Unity School - 28 Town Office - 6 Misc. - 17

**TOWN OF UNITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Property owned by Unity Police Department

1	1990 Ford Bronco 4x4
1	99 Channel Motorola Radio
1	10 Channel Regency Scanner
1	16 Channel Bearcat Portable Scanner
1	10 Channel Bearcat Portable Scanner
1	Federal Siren
1	Switch Panel
1	Kustom KR10 Radar Unit
2	14 Channel Bendix King Portable Radio's
1	Motorola Cellular Telephone w/Antenna
1	Motorola Hand Held Cellular Phone
1	Set Whalen Grill Mount Strobes
1	Set Whalen Headlight Strobes
1	Set Whalen Taillight Strobes
1	Set Whalen Dashmiser-3 Strobe-Halogen
1	Set Whalen Dashmiser-2 Strobe
3	Glock 10 MM handguns with clips
1	Ruger 22 Pistol
1	PR24 Baton w/holder
1	PR24X Baton w/holder
1	Shotgun
1	Streamlight Flashlight w/Charger
1	Streamlight Stinger Flashlight w/charger
2	Equipment Boxes
1	Wooden Custom Built Console-Installed
1	Orange Nylon First aid kit w/supplies
1	Blue Nylon Oxygen Bag w/supplies
1	Bio-Hazard Kit w/supplies
1	Fullset of L-Hand Leather gear
2	Fullsets of R-Hand Leather gear
2	3 drawer filing cabinets
1	4 drawer filing cabinet-safe
3	Desks
1	Smith Corona Typewriter
1	Unknown typewriter
5	Orange Traffic Cones
1	Range Duty Bag
1	Remote Spotlight
1	Metal Gun Cabinet
2	Portable Target Holders
2	License Reference Books
1	Polaroid Spectra Camera w/ Equipment

Assorted office equipment, Assorted police equipment,
Assorted class A uniform equipment, Assorted class B
uniform equipment, Assorted RSA Books

UNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

The Unity Volunteer Fire Department responded to 103 calls in 1996. Along with the town, we reconstructed the fire pond in front of the fire station, and added a hydrant. In the spring, we plan to add a fence around the pond. At this time our membership is high, and the amount of members taking training is also high. We had two members receive their EMT status this year. The members have put in many hours volunteering for the department, maintaining the building, keeping the equipment in good working order, and responding to calls at all hours and doing community services. I would like to especially thank Bruce Baker, our Deputy Chief and Treasurer for all the time and dedication he has put in this year. Ron Lique, due to his upcoming retirement plans, has stepped down as Secretary and Head of the rescue Department. Ron has put in many hours for the department, and seen it through the good times and the bad times. His thoughtfulness and caring for fellow firefighters and citizens will still be around the department as he will remain as a Firefighter/First Responder. As always, we are looking for volunteers for emergency service as well as to help with the normal business of the department. We would also like to thank all the people that gave gifts and donations to the department.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Brown,
Fire Chief

Chief Robert H. Brown	543-0274
Deputy Chief Bruce E. Baker	543-0025
Captain Jason LeMere	863-2261
1st Lieutenant Ron Cota	863-7363
Head of Rescue & Medical Services John C. Noll	543-4135
Administrative Assist. Robert J. Noll	543-4135

**PROPOSED 1997 BUDGET
UNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Categories	<u>Approp. for 1996</u>	<u>Actual Expenses for 1996</u>	<u>Approp. for 1997</u>
Bldgs. & Land Maint.	2,600.00	2,500.77	2,600.00
Dispatch Service	1,600.00	1,579.23	1,600.00
Donations	500.00	509.76	500.00
Dues & Training	800.00	1,807.93	1,000.00
Electricity	2,700.00	2,973.66	3,200.00
Equipment Repair	1,500.00	356.45	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	850.00	500.00	850.00
Fund Raising Expense	1,200.00	1,232.33	1,200.00
Gasoline	650.00	550.70	600.00
Insurance	5,000.00	4,608.00	5,000.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00	425.00	1,000.00
Misc.	500.00	248.77	500.00
New Equip.	5,000.00	7,384.03`	5,000.00
Office Supplies	600.00	636.17	600.00
Personal Protection	3,000.00	2,485.23	3,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	804.76	1,000.00
Truck Maint.	1,700.00	2,260.39	2,000.00
Truck Payment	<u>5,295.00</u>	<u>5,295.36</u>	<u>5,295.00</u>
	\$35,495.00	\$36,158.55	\$35,945.00
Amount to be raised by Unity Fire Dept.			<u>\$8,445.00</u>
Amount to be approp. at Town Meeting			\$27,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
Budget Committee,

Robert H. Brown
Bruce E. Baker.
Treasurer
John C. Noll
Ron J. Cota
Jason A. LeMere
Christa Osgood

FIREWARDEN'S 1996 REPORT

Permits issued:

Brush	145
Incinerator	30
Cooking Fires	13
Camp fires	24
Debris	16
 Total	 228

This year we are ordering 1 small portable pump at 21 lbs., 1 - 25 gallon plastic tank for easy carrying into the woods and 4 lengths of small hose for same.

Pump	185.00
Tank - 25 gal.	220.00
Hose	230.00 w/ suction & nozzle

We had 3 illegal burns and 1 person lost hunting. He was found about 9:30 p.m., o.k., but he still didn't get the big buck he was after.

Thanks to all Departments, the Fire Department, and all who helped keep things under control.

Deputy Wardens: Robert Janelle - 543-3823, Chuck Hudson - 542-6654, Ron Cota - 863-7363, Robert Brown, Fire Chief - 543-3839

Respectfully submitted,
George Dunn, Fire Warden - 542-7335

UNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1996 REPORT

As in the past, this year we held our meetings at the home of Loraine Light.

On July 20th, during Old Home Day, the Historical Society room in the Town Hall was open to the public. Much interest was shown in the memorabilia which was on display. We have had donation cards printed, so the the people of Unity will know who gave these generous gifts.

One of our most satisfying moments was being able to contribute \$1,500 toward the restoration of the Bell Tower for the Town Hall.

September 7th we participated at Fort Number 4 in Charlestown for the Sullivan County Agricultural Festival which was sponsored by the Farm Bureau and the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension. Our display consisted of antique tools and various Quaker items.

As has been the custom in other years, we have for sale Unity Histories, note cards and letter sized stationary which is available at the Town Office.

Once again, we would remind everyone that our meetings are the second Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine Light, President
Tyyne Cox, Vice President

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES 1996 REPORT

Southwestern Community Services would like to extend a "huge" THANK YOU to both the elected officials and the residents who have continuously been generous enough to endorse our efforts to offer and expand services in your community.

Nearly 100 residents of Unity comprising 41 families have received services from our agency during the past year. Additionally, our staff worked with many other families who fell just above income guidelines, in an effort to meet their needs through contacts with other providers.

The most heavily accessed programs by Unity residents are Head Start, Fuel Assistance, WIC, Weatherization, and Family Resources.

The fact that we are able to conduct outreach with the small towns is largely owing to the generosity of the communities in our area such as Unity. SCS would welcome any and all comments and inquiries and we invite you to contact us if you would like to set up a visit to our offices so that we could acquaint you with the scope of activities which we conduct.

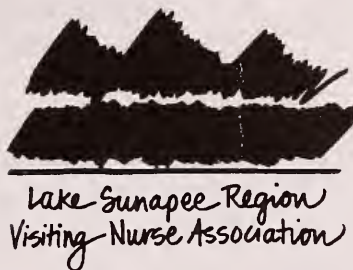
Again, thank you for your continued consideration.

Sincerely,

David W. Osgood, Deputy Director

Lake Sunapee Home
Care and Hospice

Lake Sunapee Community
Health Services



Services provided to people in Unity

Home health care helps patients return to their optimal level of health

Visits made	187
Patients served	18

Hospice - a family-centered program for patients who are terminally ill.

Patients served	1
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Flu & other immunizations

Patients served	4
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Well child clinic and parent child program

Children served	1
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In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future — we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our innovative, high quality programs will support the VNAs mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Blik
President and CEO



Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

• Depot Square, Newport 893-4088
290 County Road, New London 526-4077
PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209

Sullivan County Hospice, Inc.

P.O. Box 1247
Claremont, NH 03743

November 19, 1996

Selectman in the Town of Unity
HCR 66, Box 176
Newport, NH 03773

Dear Selectman:

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Unity.

Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a board of directors. The board of directors is comprised of 10 members all of who reside in Sullivan County.

Our goal and purpose is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of our patients are home hospice patients. They have decided to remain at home under the care of their families and we provide most of our services in that setting. However, we are flexible enough to follow and serve patients and families in the hospital or nursing home setting as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, active listening, universal precautions, and grief. A few of the ways our volunteers might provide practical support include respite for care givers, running errands, light meal preparation. These volunteers provide emotional support to both the patient and the family by being available to them, by listening, reassuring and encouraging.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, and from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group and a cancer support group. Each of these groups are open to anyone. We maintain a loan closet with hospital beds, walkers, commodes, and other equipment that is useful in the home setting. These are loaned at no charge and in some cases this service helps considerably to keep out of pocket expenses lower for the patient. All of these services are available to the residents of Sullivan County.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Sincerely yours,

Annie Alcorn
Director, Sullivan County Hospice

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report
1996

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Unity residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Unity included:

- Assisted with a variety of solid waste questions regarding land fill closure and household hazardous waste collection.
- Provided circuit-riding planner services.
- Sent Planning Board a sample set of driveway regulations.
- Worked with Planning Board to update the Master Plan.
- Assisted Planning Board in implementing Earth Excavation Regulations.
- Assisted Planning Board and Selectmen in developing a policy regarding issuance of building permits on Class VI roads.
- Organized and administered successful regional household hazardous waste collection with Springfield, Lempster and Sunapee, and wrote successful grant application to offset a portion of the cost.

A list of services which benefit all member communities follows.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Unity in the coming year.

UVLSRPC Services Which Benefit All Member Communities

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- Organized and administered regional household hazardous waste collections.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- Serve on the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- Began a new program which provides economic development assistance to towns and businesses in Grafton County.
- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit and Rideshare.
- Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecasts the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- Revise and update the Regional Plan.
- Comply with applicable Vermont Act 200 requirements at the local, regional and state level, including participation in the Council of Regional Commissions.
- Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews and review of development of regional impact in New Hampshire.
- Sponsor planning board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.
- In conjunction with the City of Lebanon, held a Business Faire where representatives from 14 state business assistance programs were available to give information.
- Review land use controls and master plans, and suggest amendments.
- Produce our newsletter to provide information about planning issues and other topics of regional concern.
- Organize a monthly brown bag lunch for selectmen and town managers where regional and local issues are discussed on an informal basis.
- Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
- Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

CURRENT USE REPORT FOR 1996

CURRENT USE REPORT (Number of Acres)			CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT (Number of Acres)		
Section A Granted in Prior Years	Section B Granted for Current Year	Section C Totals of Sections A & B	Section D Granted in Prior Years	Section E Granted for Current Year	Section F Totals of Sections D & E
886.54	13.48	900.02			
11,649.70	60.03	11,709.73			
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			DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS		

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Total Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use

Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use During Year

Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Easement

Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Assessment

Total Number of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment

Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment

Report of The Trust Funds of the City or Town of

Unity on December 31, 1996
(June 30, 19)

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (if Common trust, so state)</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year					
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expanded During Year	Balance End Year						
									Percent	Amount								
1996	Town of Unity	Cemetery	Uninvested Savings											158.18			164.57	164.57
1996	Arthur Dymally	"	"		50.00												50.00	50.00
1996	Mellie Cobb	"	"		50.00												50.00	50.00
1996	Walter H. Cox	"	"		100.00												100.00	100.00
1996	Crushing Creek	which books	Uninvested Savings															
1958			56000667															
1992	A. M. Johnson	Cemetery	Uninvested Savings	200.00										5.37		179.15	184.52	184.52
	Support of schools		898655167EE														200.00	200.00
	Support of Cemetery & Library			6836.28					6836.28						421.65	421.65	6836.28	6836.28
				10500.00					10500.00						696.52	696.52	10500.00	10500.00
				17886.28	200.00				17936.28					11.35	71.11	1118.17	18065.37	18065.37
1986	Theresa C. DePaul	Conservative	Uninvested Savings															
1987	Town of Unity	Revolution	CD 911949001	500.00					500.00					401.58	42	908.00		
1987	Capital Reserve Fund	Headquarters	Uninvested Savings	4500.00					4500.00					1443.43	196.07		6139.50	6139.50
1988	Town of Unity	Highway	Uninvested Savings	17707.56	6,000.00				23707.56					901.64	750.11		25357.31	25357.31
1990	Town of Unity	Depot	CD 621379001	15000.00					15000.00					5871.50	1059.19		21930.69	21930.69
1991	Town of Unity	Insurance	Uninvested Savings	3000.00					3000.00					462.60	113.37	161.38	3414.49	3414.49
1992	Town of Unity	Town Hall	CD 5403891	5000.00	1000.00				6000.00					308.86	193.12		6481.38	6481.38
1992	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009911	6914.02					6914.02					434.30	249.99		7577.31	7577.31
1992	Town of Unity	Public and	Uninvested Savings	8331.00					8331.00					980.47	316.42		9617.89	9617.89
1992	Town of Unity	Monoling	CD 6009912	12000.00	14000.00				26000.00					1414.00	612.18		11293.94	11293.94
1992	Town of Unity	Building	CD 6009913	2175.01	2000.00				4175.01						37.33	37.33	319.34	319.34
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009914														120.98	120.98
1993	Town of Unity	Unity Hall	Uninvested Savings	1000.00					1000.00					84.99	35.79		1120.98	1120.98
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009915											254.27	7.39	261.66		
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009916														193.97	193.97
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009917														121.96	121.96
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009918															
1993	Town of Unity	Restoration	CD 6009919															

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Report of The Trust Funds of the City or Town of

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on December 31, 1926.

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(June 30, 19)

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				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expenditure During Year		Balance End Year	
										Percent	Amount				
1883	Edward Keys	School	Common Trust	4906.43							.70	396.45			
1921	Living Bartlett	School	" "	2039.95							.30	125.20			
	Totals			6946.38								421.65	121.65		6936.38
1920	Johnson	Library	Common Trust	100.00							.00%	6.70			
1900	Johnson	Cemetery	"	300.00							.0192	13.39			
1913	Quincy	"	"	300.00							.0192	13.39			
1915	Bartlett	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1909	Townsend	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1907	Clark	"	"	500.00							.0480	33.49			
1918	Town	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1918	Hubert	"	"	200.00							.0192	13.39			
1919	Neal	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1920	Bliddon	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1920	Huntton/Holt	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70			
1928	F. B. Stowell	"	"	50.00							.0048	3.35			
1926	Marion Hunter	"	"	100.00							.00%	6.70			
1956	Mellie C. Lewis	"	"	200.00							.0192	13.39			
1926	Delphie Keffler	"	"	200.00							.0192	13.39			
1938	Ann Shaw	"	"	100.00							.00%	6.70			
1943	Marion C. Kypien	"	"	100.00							.00%	6.70			
1942	Ellis C. Pratt	"	"	100.00							.00%	6.70			
1947	Wm. W. McClelland	"	"	200.00							.0192	13.39			
1948	William J. Shaw	"	"	100.00							.00%	6.70			
	Totals			2950.00								197.58			

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					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year		Balance End Year
											Percent	Amount			
1958	Jessie P. Johnson	Cemetery	Washington State Trust Co.	CD 7807300001	200.00							.0192	13.39		
1960	E. Perry Truck	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1964	John C. Blake	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1966	J.P. Johnson	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1971	Alex & Elsie Callaway	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1975	Betty-Johnny Peterson Trust Fund	"	"	"	300.00							.0388	20.09		
1975	Helen Maynard Delude	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1975	Charles Raymond Hinkle	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Charles William Smith	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Melvin Eugene	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Wade & Edith Brown	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Bruce Stewart	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Ralph Charles Jensen	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1976	Wm. J. Van Dyke	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1977	Dorothy Marie	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1977	Lamuel H. Rogers	"	"	"	50.00							.0096	3.35		
1977	Ken Mellicott	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1975	Raymond E. Hansen	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1977	Robert Marlene	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1978	Charles Fred Lind	"	"	"	200.00							.0096	13.39		
1979	Allan & Christine	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1979	Paula Blum	"	"	"	50.00							.0096	3.35		
1979	Mathew & Jane	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1979	Kidney Wilson	"	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
					2600.00								174.17		

Report of The Trust Funds of the City or Town of

Unity on December 31, 1926
(June 30, 19)

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				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
1980	Cassius Alexander	Limetery	Common Trust	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1981	Wm. A. T. Fitch	"	"	50.00							.0096	3.35		
1982	Mathew J. Fitch	"	"	50.00							.0096	3.35		
1983	Anna J. Fitch	"	"	400.00							.0096	26.79		
1984	Catharine Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1985	James B. Fitch	"	"	50.00							.0096	3.35		
1986	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1987	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
1988	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
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2001	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
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2004	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
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2006	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
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2014	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
2015	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
2016	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
2017	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
2018	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00							.0096	6.70		
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2085	Wm. J. Fitch	"	"	100.00										

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REPORT OF
UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1996-97
SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Laura Fissette
LuAnn Lewit
Fred Hall
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Clerk
Treasurer
Moderator
Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD

Gata Hudson
Christen Eaton
Rodney Minckler

Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1999

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Jim Robinson
Robin Grumman
Lorraine Baker
Barbara Goodine
Tina Lawrie
Jane Elliott
Martha Shaw
Robin Grumman
Lauryn Moeller
Ann Shaughnessy
Susan Smith
Marcia Oster
Regina Ostrander
Dorothy McClay
Louise Darling
Ed & Carol Gregory
Nancy Heinz
Debra Cammarata
Eric (Tim) Schultz
Nancy Ferguson
Ellen Parker
Pauline Sanderson
Mary Ruggles
Linda Kuhns

Sept. - Dec. 31, 96 Principal
Jan.-June, 97 Interim Principal
Grade 1
Grade 2/3
Grades 3/4
Grade 5/6
Grades 6/7
Grade 8
Title I & Reading Specialist
Special Ed & Guidance
Art
Music
PE
Secretary
School Nurse
Custodians
Title I Aide
Special Ed Para
Special Ed Para
Library Aide
OT Aide
Classroom Aide
Lunch Manager
Lunch Aide

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 6

Robert A. Patterson, Ed.D.
John W. Caldon, Ed.D.
Allen Damren
Michael Harris
Debra Lafko
Carol Amell
Louise Schultz
Pam Joslin
Ann Dieter
Dorothy Richmond
Penny Derosier
Lynn Houghton
Donald Johnson

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Business Administrator
Director of Special Services
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Transportation/Adm. Assistant
Assistant to the Business Adm.
Business Office Clerk
Business Office Clerk
Part-time Adm. Assistant
Building Technician

UNITY TEACHERS
1996-1997

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>YEARS AT UNITY</u>
James Robinson	EdD EdM	Harvard Harvard	21/2 years
Lorraine Baker	BA+15	Rivier College	11th year
Jane Elliott	BA MA+15	Mount Holyoke University MA	13th year
Barbara Goodine	BA MA	University of RI Long Island University	9th year
Robin Grumman	BA Working towards Masters at Plymouth	Keene State	11th year
Tina Lawrie	BA	Keene State	11th year
Lauryn Moeller	BA MA	Southern CT. State Southern Ct. State	1st year
Marcia Oster	BA	University of NH	1st year
Regina Ostrander	MA+15	University of MD	3rd year
Ann Shaugnessy	BA MA	University of NH Antioch	1st year
Martha Shaw	BA	Goddard College	2nd year
Susan Smith	BA	New England College	9th year

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
UNITY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Fiscal Year July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

Cash on Hand July 1, 1995	(27,452)
Received From Selectmen	932,432
Received From State	125,609
Received From Other Sources	6,212
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,064,253
Less School Board Orders Paid	(1,054,970)
Cash on Hand June 30, 1996	(18,169)

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES
1996-97 APPORTIONMENT**

		7.89%
	Total Annual	Unity
Superintendent	\$72,500	5,720
Assistant Superintendent	\$60,450	4,770
Business Administrator	\$56,650	4,470
Special Education Director	\$51,500	4,063

NUTRITIOUS MEALS REPORT FOR 1996

LUNCHES:

Paid lunches served	5,114	Average	28.89
Reduced lunches served	1,229	Average	6.94
Free lunches served	4,691	Average	26.50
<u>Adult lunches served</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>2.16</u>
 Total Lunches Served	 11,416	 Total	 64.49

BREAKFAST:

Paid breakfasts served	850	Average	5.63
Reduced breakfasts served	529	Average	3.50
Free breakfasts served	2,776	Average	18.38
<u>Adults breakfasts served</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>.07</u>
 Total Breakfasts Served	 4,165	 Average	 27.58

Sincerely,

Mary Ruggles
Lunch Manager

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the School Board
Unity School District
Unity, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Unity School District for the year ended June 30, 1996, we considered the School District's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the School District's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

October 5, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the School Board
Unity School District
Unity, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Unity School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Unity School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Unity School District, as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Unity School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

October 5, 1996

ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
UNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1996-97

In the midst of my first year as Superintendent of SAU #6, I would like to say how pleasant it has been to meet and work together with the people of Unity. After only a few months, it is clear to me that the community has a strong commitment to the education of its youngsters and that so many of you are willing to give the time and energy necessary to help us accomplish that in the most effective manner possible. The volunteer efforts of the PTC and individuals within the community is impressive, to say the least, and I look forward to a long and productive relationship with you.

Late in November, I was saddened to learn that Dr. James Robinson would no longer be able to continue as principal of Unity School. Deteriorating health issues would prevent his completion of the school year. On December 9th, I recommended to the Unity School Board that they accept Jim's request for a leave of absence and that he be replaced by Robin Grumman, who is in her eleventh year of teaching at Unity School. Robin would continue her duties as eighth grade teacher and act as interim principal until the end of the 1996-97 school year. The Board acted favorably upon that recommendation.

My first and foremost goal for Unity Elementary School involves its curriculum. It is my intention to work together with staff members to set and achieve high standards in all curriculum areas. The first step in this lengthy process is to examine carefully the New Hampshire frameworks and to align our local curriculum with them. This will necessitate staff participation on various SAU curriculum committees, with each serving as an intermediary to colleagues within the school. Teachers will be trained in Process Writing and will implement it within every classroom, grades one through eight. As Superintendent, I want to empower the teachers to bring out the best of each and every student at Unity Elementary School. It is an exciting endeavor and I want to share that excitement with the staff as well as with community members.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Patterson
Superintendent, SAU #6

We believe that parental and community involvement is one of the keys to an effective school. Our first order of business in this report, therefore, is to express our appreciation to all those who have volunteered their time and energy throughout the year to the betterment of Unity School. Whether through an organization such as the PTC, or individually, your contribution deserves recognition. Thank You!

As most of you know, our principal at the start of the school year, James Robinson, suffered from ill health and was granted a leave of absence beginning Jan. 2, 1997. We wish him well on his road to recovery. Mrs. Grumman agreed to take the challenging position of interim principal while at the same time continuing as 8th grade teacher. We know that this is not an optimum arrangement and have again budgeted for a full time principal for the 1997-98 school year. We ask that the District support this funding.

In regards to the AREA contract, the study committee set up officially at the 1996 District Meeting followed the recommendations of the Future Planning Committee. The Board, in turn, set about implementing these recommendations. As of this writing (in January) the Unity Board has made proposals to the Claremont Board, some of which are: including the entire town in the agreement, the provision of a feeder bus route, considerably lower tuition rates, and allowing the Unity School Board to have the exclusive right to grant waivers. At this point we are waiting to hear back from the Claremont Board. It looks now that action will be delayed until the 1998 District meeting, due to time constraints.

Although we welcomed our new Superintendent, Dr. Robert Patterson, at the Memorial Day activities last spring, he officially took over his duties in July. We admire his forthrightness and professionalism, and join him in working to achieve our mutual goal of improving Unity's test scores.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the unusual occurrence of having TWO of our teachers appear in Who's Who Among America's teachers. What an honor for Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Grumman, and for Unity School. Congratulations!

As always, the Board extends an invitation to all citizens to attend our regular monthly meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7 pm at the school.

Respectfully,
The Unity School Board

ANNUAL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
UNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1996-97

Unity Elementary School is embarking on an exciting adventure as we reassess the education of Unity youngsters by examining state curriculum guidelines and redirect our classroom activities to optimize our teachers' effectiveness. The staff and students are joining forces to make the school a place the community of Unity will view with great pride. The change cannot happen overnight, but, with commitment and tenacity, we are convinced it will happen, and we welcome involvement from community members in realizing that goal.

The 1996-1997 school year has seen several staff changes from last year. At this time, regular education assignments are Lorraine Baker, grade 1; Barbara Goodine, grades 2/3; Tina Lawrie, grades 3/4; Jane Elliott, grades 5/6; Martha Shaw, grades 6/7; and Robin Grumman, grade 8. Specialist areas include Susan Smith, art; Gina Ostrander, physical education; and Marcia Oster, music. The Learning Center is staffed by Lauryn Moeller, Title I and reading specialist; Ann Shaughnesy, special education and guidance; Nancy Heinz and Debbie Cammarata, special education paraprofessionals; and Ellen Parker, occupational therapist. Pauline Sanderson is the instructional aide, Nancy Ferguson is the library aide, and Linda Kuhns covers the lunchroom duties. Louise Darling continues as our school nurse, and Dorothy McClay is the secretary. Carol and Ed Gregory provide the custodial services. Dr. James Robinson, who had served as principal since the fall of 1994, has been granted a leave of absence; December 20th was his last day at Unity Elementary School. His cheerful manner and generous nature will be sorely missed. On December 9th, the Unity School Board appointed Robin Grumman to serve as Interim Principal, beginning January 1, 1997. She will continue her teaching duties in addition to her new position.

This school year has engaged the students, staff, and community in many exciting activities. Students in grades 5-8 were lucky to obtain the coaching skills of Tom and Lorie Russell for their fall season. With a record of 4-2-1, the team did more than hold its own against some very tough opposition! The Peer Outreach program continues with 54 students participating; students from grade 8 are paired up with "buddies" from grades 1-4 for a half-hour each Friday afternoon to model friendship-making skills. This holiday season, the group sponsored a "Giving Tree" and

collected food items which were delivered to three area families who needed some assistance. This aspect of the program is a wonderful complement to the efforts of Dottie McClay, school secretary, and Priscilla Swenson from the Town Office. They also sponsor a "Giving Tree" and collect clothing and toys for families in need during the holidays. What spectacular results surface when we work together for good! Grades 6-8 helped to introduce a new program at the school. "Knowledge Is Power", better know as "KIP", educated the adolescents of our school community to the real-life consequences of making poor choices. The students were duly impressed by the messages brought weekly by pediatrician Dr. Steve Blair, guidance counselors from Stevens High School, District Attorney Marc Hathaway, Captain Dwight Dodd of the New Hampshire State Police, Judge Albert Leahy, Sheriff Prozzo, and "Frank", an inmate at the Sullivan County House of Correction, along with Captain Sherry Lee, Corrections Officer. A tour of that facility culminated the program. The school is forever grateful to those who helped to make the program such a success; even our wildest dreams were more than fulfilled. Phase II of KIP will take place next year. Parents of 8th graders and their children joined forces on a beautiful October morning to paint the playground equipment at the school and then ate a hearty meal together. The flagpole has been repainted and new windows have been installed on the front of the school, thanks to Ken Hall and Will Boutin. The PTC has once again spear-headed a successful Winter Activities Program, with students and staff participating in a variety of activities ranging from Alpine skiing to woodworking. In December, parents and neighbors gathered at the Unity Town Hall to hear the school's annual Christmas concert. Under the direction of Marcia Oster, the children led all of us into a spirit of celebration and joy. It was a wonderful evening for all and another example of the terrific things that the community and school can accomplish when we work together.

As we look to the remainder of this year, there is still so much to do! The Lip Sync, the Sock Hop, Clean-Up Day and our annual Memorial Day Program at Center Road Cemetery, the eight grade trip to the White Mountains, our yearbook production, and, of course, the graduation of the Class of 1997 will keep everyone on their toes. Teachers will concentrate efforts on working cooperatively to enlist Process Writing techniques in the classrooms, to address the needs indicated by the State Assessment tests, and by participation on SAU curriculum committees. The students will do

what they can to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and, in the process, will feel a pride in their accomplishments. Together we will forge ahead to make Unity Elementary School the best that it can be!

Respectfully submitted,

Robin S. Grumman
Interim Principal

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT
UNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOUISE DARLING, R.N.
1995-1996

During the 1995-96 school year I spent four hours a week at the Unity School. School health records, including immunization status, were established for all new students, and maintained for all others. The State survey on immunization was completed on all 1st, 7th, and 8th graders. As of November 1995, all of those students were in compliance except two seventh graders who lacked measles immunizations. A vision screening was completed on all students, and seven were referred for further care. A hearing screening was completed on 113 students, and four were referred for further care. Pediculosis (head lice) screening was also done on all students at the beginning of the school year, and as needed throughout the year. Incidence was very low.

I worked very closely with Renee Menard, who spent one day per week here as part of the Rural Health Outreach Grant Project. Renee helps families experiencing difficulties access services that are available to them in this area. Renee greatly helped many, and at no cost to the district. This was a year in which many family crises and hardships affected our students, which emphasized the need for a guidance person to be among us. Rural Health Outreach will provide the services of Renee to us for one more year, when the grant runs out.

School population includes 13 students with asthma, 3 with other chronic medical conditions, and 2 who need to have epinephrine on hand in case of a severe allergic reaction. 213 medications were dispensed through the school office. Education was made available to staff on the use of the Epi-Pen, and seizure first aid.

This year, and last year I did not provide you with the numbers of children who presented themselves to me for first aid or illness. I found those figures to be meaningless as they represent four hours a week of record keeping. The vast majority of nurse related calls to the office by students are handled by the secretary in my absence.

Again this year I have enjoyed serving the great kids in Unity.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Darling, R.N.

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT						
1997-98 BUDGET						
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	\$ Chg	% Chg
GENERAL FUND						
1121 District Assessment	763,929	810,572	1,034,824	1,036,550	1,726	0.17%
1360 Tuition--Special Education	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
1500 Trust Fund Income	500	422	500	500	0	0.00%
1510 Interest Income	1,200	1,244	2,000	1,300	-700	-35.00%
1910 Rent	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
1990 Other Local Income	500	1,575	500	500	0	0.00%
3110 Foundation Aid	61,971	95,754	70,175	97,649	27,474	39.15%
3210 School Building Aid	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
3240 Catastrophic Aid	27,247	23,503	64,969	60,819	-4,150	-6.39%
3900 Medicaid	100	352	100	200	100	100.00%
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	864,647	942,622	1,182,268	1,206,718	24,450	2.07%
FEDERAL GRANT FUND						
4400 Chapter I	29,707	20,232	33,285	33,285	0	0.00%
Chapter II	2,361	2,539	2,539	2,539	0	0.00%
94-142	2,901	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%
89-313	0	570	570	570	0	0.00%
GRANT FUND TOTAL	34,969	28,141	41,194	41,194	0	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	899,616	970,763	1,223,462	1,247,912	24,450	2.00%

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT						
1997-98 BUDGET						
TAX RATE IMPACT	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	\$ Chg	% Chg
Appropriation Total	905,496	955,187	1,087,040	1,223,901	136,861	12.59%
Deficit Appropriation			110,000	0	-110,000	-100.00%
Negotiated Agreement Article			4,107	0	-4,107	-100.00%
Claremont Lawsuit Article			123	0	-123	-100.00%
Federal Grants	28,141	41,194	41,194	41,194	0	0.00%
Total Actual/Proposed Approp.	933,637	996,381	1,242,464	1,265,095	22,631	1.82%
Revenues:						
Non-Tax Revenue Total	100,718	132,050	147,444	170,168	22,724	15.41%
Federal Revenues	28,141	41,194	41,194	41,194	0	0.00%
Use of Fund Balance	28,617	395	7,319	5,500	-1,819	-24.85%
Shared Revenue Block Grant	12,232	11,860	11,683	11,683	0	0.00%
Total Revenues	169,708	185,809	207,640	228,545	20,905	10.07%
Net to be Raised By Taxes	763,929	810,572	1,034,824	1,036,550	1,726	0.17%
Assessed Value	49,833,899	50,817,564	52,090,413	52,090,413	0	0
Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)	15.33	15.95	19.866	19.899	0.03	0.17%
ADDITIONAL ANNUAL TAX ON A \$70,000 HOUSE					2.32	

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT				Expd	Expd	Current	Proposed
General Fund				94-95	95-96	Year	97-98
Proposed Budget 1997-98						Budget	Budget
31-001-2500	1100	REGULAR EDUCATION					
31-001-1061	1100	Teacher's Salaries-Contract	101	181,762	186,145	197,527	198,110
31-001-1000	1100	Teacher's Salaries-Substitute	102	3,021	5,342	2,000	2,000
31-001-1062	1100	Paraprofessionals	104	5,450	9,216	9,853	10,189
31-001-1063	1100	Noon Aides	106	1,705	2,599	1,278	1,346
31-001-1001	1100	Group Health Insurance	211	29,305	26,809	15,168	20,120
31-001-1002	1100	Dental Insurance	212	1,675	1,443	1,112	2,105
31-001-1003	1100	Life Insurance	213	1,043	1,050	1,208	1,258
31-001-1004	1100	Worker's Compensation Insurance	214	5,971	2,002	1,924	1,863
31-001-1065	1100	N.H. Retirement	222	4,232	6,103	4,891	6,038
31-001-1066	1100	Social Security Insurance	230	20,793	21,047	15,649	16,190
31-001-1006	1100	Unemployment Insurance	260	1,305	835	417	450
31-001-1008	1100	Staff Development	271	1,421	852	3,000	3,000
31-001-6501	1100	Transportation--County Home Vi	513	0	-14	300	300
31-001-1068	1100	Consumable Supplies	610	4,245	2,089	5,000	6,000
31-001-1070	1100	Textbooks	631	1,570	3,658	7,000	5,200
31-001-1071	1100	Consumable Workbooks	632	2,925	2,996	3,000	3,400
31-001-6504	1100	New Equipment	741	537	1,162	1,400	3,000
		Function Total		266,960	273,334	270,727	280,569
31-001-2501	1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION					
31-001-1030	1200	Teacher's Salaries-Contract	101	13,742	14,728	15,198	25,475
31-001-1031	1200	Tutoring	103	957	280	250	250
31-001-1076	1200	Paraprofessionals	104	10,929	19,341	19,906	21,587
31-001-6509	1200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	200	0	1,033	6,410	12,838
31-001-1043	1200	Psych. Testing	331	4,860	4,070	3,000	3,000
31-001-1044	1200	Psych. Counseling	332	1,068	3,435	1,000	1,000
31-001-1045	1200	Occupational Therapy	333	3,414	5,314	7,000	7,000

31-001-1052	1200	334	Physical Therapy	167	0	2,000	2,000
31-001-1047	1200	335	Speech Therapy	7,638	7,900	9,000	9,000
31-001-4007	1200	441	Equipment Repair	127	0	100	100
31-001-1048	1200	519	Transportation	3,119	4,041	3,000	3,000
31-001-1050	1200	567	Tuition--Out of District	86,279	116,681	115,000	115,000
31-001-1053	1200	610	Consumable Supplies	271	131	250	250
			Function Total	132,571	176,954	182,114	200,500
31-001-2502	1410		MUSIC				
31-001-1190	1410	314	Cultural Arts	426	0	800	1,000
31-001-4006	1410	610	Consumable Supplies	129	181	110	250
31-001-4011	1410	660	Audio/Visual Supplies	47	43	242	200
31-001-6502	1410	741	New Equipment	272	214	440	1,000
			Function Total	874	438	1,592	2,450
31-001-1074	1450		EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES				
31-001-1526	1450	108	Salaries	900	1,500	2,125	2,125
31-001-6510	1450	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	49	246	253
31-001-1537	1450	610	Consumable Supplies	112	0	100	100
31-001-4014	1450	741	New Equipment	0	0	250	250
			Function Total	1,012	1,549	2,721	2,728
31-001-2503	2120		GUIDANCE				
31-001-xxxx	2120		Salaries	0	0	6,101	5,095
31-001-xxxx	2120		Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	0	0	638
31-001-2041	2120	312	Testing	96	1,116	650	650
			Function Total	96	1,116	6,751	6,383
31-001-1072	2130		HEALTH				
31-001-2030	2130	112	Salary	2,475	2,355	2,202	2,231
31-001-6511	2130	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	20	267	279

31-001-2038	2130	610	Consumable Supplies	638	447	200	200
31-001-6503	2130	741	New Equipment	107	84	177	200
			Function Total	3,220	2,906	2,846	2,910
31-001-1073	2220		LIBRARY				
31-001-2042	2220	117	Salary	2,227	2,242	1,924	1,972
31-001-6512	2220	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	48	234	247
31-001-2052	2220	630	Books	403	341	1,000	1,000
31-001-2053	2220	640	Periodicals	149	12	200	200
31-001-2054	2220	660	Audio Visual Supplies	182	109	100	150
			Function Total	2,961	2,752	3,458	3,569
31-001-2504	2310		SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES				
31-001-2359	2310	119	Salary--School Board	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
31-001-2364	2310	119	Board Clerk	300	300	300	300
31-001-2366	2310	300	Auditors	2,150	1,700	2,200	2,200
31-001-2365	2310	381	Legal Services	2,252	5,942	2,500	2,500
31-001-2360	2310	384	Treasurer	300	400	400	400
31-001-2370	2310	387	Election Officials	372	289	200	200
31-001-2372	2310	551	Annual Report	0	540	400	400
31-001-2377	2310	811	Dues	2,097	1,640	1,592	1,659
31-001-2375	2310	895	School Board Expense	0	51	200	200
			Function Total	8,971	12,362	9,292	9,359
31-001-1051	2320		SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6				
31-001-2380	2320	351	School Administrative Unit	34,449	40,739	48,139	51,217
			Function Total	34,449	40,739	48,139	51,217
31-001-2505	2410		SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION				
31-001-3001	2410	111	Administrator Salaries	41,710	44,290	45,397	42,500
31-001-3002	2410	118	Secretary Salaries	9,459	10,216	9,992	11,239
31-001-6513	2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	1,725	11,988	10,910
31-001-3075	2410	271	Staff Development	0	0	250	250

31-001-3004	2410	441	Equipment Repair	371	953	700	700
31-001-3003	2410	450	Contract Services	4,996	4,563	4,100	4,500
31-001-3016	2410	532	Postage	120	132	200	200
31-001-3063	2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	-339	650	150	150
31-001-3010	2410	552	Printing	608	43	400	300
31-001-3011	2410	582	Travel--In District	322	230	300	300
31-001-3017	2410	610	Consumable Supplies	216	390	750	600
31-001-3013	2410	741	New Equipment	663	503	750	750
31-001-3014	2410	801	Principal's Fund	0	28	200	200
31-001-3071	2410	811	Dues	64	1,000	700	700
31-001-3072	2410	892	Graduation	125	225	200	200
			Function Total	58,315	64,948	76,077	73,499
OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT							
31-001-2506	2541						
31-001-4001	2541	433	Custodial Services	9,042	9,000	9,000	9,000
31-001-4008	2541	435	Other Services	711	2,755	1,200	1,800
31-001-4009	2541	441	Equipment Repair	363	212	500	500
31-001-5034	2541	520	Property Casualty Insurance	5,177	3,167	4,649	4,881
31-001-5035	2541	531	Telephone	2,648	3,328	3,300	3,500
31-001-4012	2541	610	Consumable Supplies	2,003	2,664	3,000	4,200
31-001-5037	2541	652	Electricity	9,553	8,210	9,900	9,900
31-001-5038	2541	653	Oil	1,447	2,615	2,400	2,600
31-001-4013	2541	721	Improvements to Building	1,032	5,246	6,000	11,000
			Function Total	31,976	37,197	39,949	47,381
TRANSPORTATION							
31-001-2507	2550						
31-001-4016	2550	513	Elementary Transportation	31,832	36,553	36,500	37,595
31-001-5004	2550	513	Field Trips	806	818	1,500	1,500
			Function Total	32,638	37,371	38,000	39,095
Elementary Total							
				574,043	651,666	681,666	719,660

31-001-2000	1100	HIGH SCHOOL					
31-001-1630	1100	561 Tuition	334,949	339,334	378,766	475,206	
		Function Total	334,949	339,334	378,766	475,206	
31-001-1562	5100	DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES					
31-001-2040	5100	DEBT SERVICE					
31-001-7000	5100	830 Principal	0	40,000	20,000	20,000	
31-001-7001	5100	840 Interest	5,100	13,650	7,715	6,035	
		Function Total	5,100	53,650	27,715	26,035	
31-001-6507	5250	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT					
31-001-6506	5250	880 Transfer to Capital Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
		Function Total	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
		District Wide Total	8,100	56,650	30,715	29,035	
GRAND TOTAL			917,092	1,047,650	1,091,147	1,223,901	

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Unity qualified to vote in the District affairs.

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Unity Elementary School on Monday, March 10, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. in the evening to act upon Article I. Polls for voting on Article I will close at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. The business session of the School District Meeting will commence at 7 p.m. at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

ARTICLE I (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer for a one-year term, one school board member for a one year term, and one school board member for a three year term.

ARTICLE II (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE III (Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund)

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) to perform needed building repairs and maintenance and authorize the withdrawal of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE IV (Main Budget)

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,265,098) for the support of the schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for the payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization fund and building fund, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

Under RSA 32, budgets must be voted upon in total. The above amount represents the main operating budget of \$1,223,901 plus \$41,194 for federal funds.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE V (By Petition- Additional Staff.) Special Article

To see if the Unity School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$56,000) for the purpose of hiring four (4) classroom instruction aides to assist teachers in the multi-grade classrooms.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE VI (AREA Agreement)

Shall the school district vote to approve the proposed amendments to the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area (AREA) Plan between the Claremont and Unity School Districts as jointly proposed by the Claremont and Unity School Boards as set forth in the Amendments to AREA Plan on file with the School District Clerk, which amendments are subject to the approval of the NH State Board of Education?

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE VII (other business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Unity this _____ th day of February, 1997.

Gata Hudson, Chairman

Rodney Minckler

Christen Eaton

UNITY SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy Attest:

Gata Hudson, Chairman

Rodney Minckler

Christen Eaton



Unity School District Meeting Minutes
March 11, 1996 and March 25, 1996 (Reconvened)

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting at the Unity Elementary School on Monday, March 11, 1996. At 5:00 pm the Warrant was read in its entirety by Moderator, Fred Hall and the polls were declared open to act upon Article I of the Warrant: "To elect (for a one year term) a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer and to elect (for a three year term) a School Board Member."

The business session of the School District meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at which time the Moderator, Hall led the District in The Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the polls would remain open until 7:30 pm. Moderator Hall reviewed his rules for the meeting and by voice vote determined that the District would allow non-voters present to speak and that those voters assembled approved of his rules.

Article II: (Hearing of Reports)

"To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating there to." Motion made by Rodney Minckler, seconded by Gata Hudson. By voice vote Article II passed.

Article III: (Collective Bargaining Agreement)

To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Unity School Board and the Unity Education Association which calls for increases in salaries and benefits: An estimated increase of \$4,107.00 for the 1996-97 year and an estimated increase of \$8,629.00 for the 1997-98 year. And to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,107.00 for the 1996-97 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Motion made by Gata Hudson, seconded by Rodney Minckler. By ballot vote Article III failed with 30 yeas votes and 45 no.

Article IV: (Main Budget)

Rodney Minckler presented the following resolution: "That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,135,574.00 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for the payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Equalization Fund and Building Fund, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Motion made by Clinton Cooper, seconded by Gata Hudson.

Mr. Minckler was recognized to review the budget line by line. A general discussion about the Special Education costs being so high continued, with the District hearing responses from Special Education Director Mike Harris. The District wanting to know if less expensive special education was being sought. After a very heated discussion, Rose Aremberg made a motion calling the question, this was seconded by Chuck Hudson. At this time Mr. Hall called for an intermission.

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After a short break, the District was recalled to order at 8:35 pm. Mr. Hall then explained that a 2/3 majority was needed to call the Question at which time he asked for a show of hands to stop the debate. The show of hands showed that the District wanted to continue the discussion on Article IV. After more discussion on the main budget, expenses, with Mr. Minckler and Mr. Harris answering many questions on why the budget is so high - Mr. Hall asked if the District had any more questions. Mr. Hall then re-read Article IV and called for a ballot vote. Article IV failed with 38 yes votes, 42 no.

At 9:00 pm Rodney Minckler motioned to reconvene in 2 weeks (March 25th) same time and place, this was seconded by Gata Hudson.

Unity School District Meeting Minutes
March 25, 1996 (reconvened from March 11, 1996)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a pledge of allegiance led by Moderator Fred Hall. Moderator Hall then read the election results of the 264 ballots cast (from the March 11, 1996 meeting):

School Board Member for 3 years - Rodney Minckler with 43 votes; write-ins with 2 votes each - Loraine Light, Hazel Krupski, Bob Brown; write-ins with 1 vote each - Don Morse, Fred Hall Jr, Brenda Seymour, Ed Gregory, Mary Ellen Bellimer, Nancy Ferguson, Mary Gere.

Moderator for 1 year; Fred Hall Sr. 72 votes. Write-in with 1 vote - Bruce Kozlik.

Treasurer for 1 year; Brenda Boutin 67 votes. Write-in with 1 vote Bruce Baker.

Clerk for 1 year Laura Fissette 65 votes. Write-ins with 1 vote each Gata Hudson and Sue Compo.

After balloting results were read, Mr. Minckler motioned to reconsider Article IV, seconded by Clinton Cooper. By voice vote District agreed. Article IV moved for discussion by Rodney Minckler and seconded by Gata Hudson. The District asked to hear what the school board had come back with regarding cutting the previously proposed budget. Mr. Minckler explained that the school board had made a list of possible items to cut back on (photocopies of list, were passed out to District). Mr. Minckler then motioned to lay Article IV on the table, so that the District could reconsider Article III, for which Mr. Minckler had additional information for the District to consider, this motion was seconded by Gata Hudson. By voice vote District agreed.

Motion to reconsider Article III made by Rodney Minckler, seconded by Gata Hudson.

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Mr. Minckler and Mr. Damren explained to the District that the teachers had agreed to a different health care plan that would save the District money if the District would vote on the salary increase:

Salary Increase	\$9,904.00
Health Care Savings	<u>\$5,797.00</u>
	\$4,107.00

Add'l Health Savings	<u>\$7,340.00</u>
	\$3,233.00

After very detailed discussion, District agreed to vote on the amended Article III. By ballot vote Article III passed; 100 yes votes, 15 no.

Fred Bellimer moved to amend the amount on Article IV to be \$1,055,574, seconded by Peggy Austin. By voice vote the amendment failed.

Rodney Minckler moved to amend the amount in Article IV to be \$1,128,250 (this shows the decrease of the Health Care Savings), seconded by Gata Hudson.

Fred Bellimer called to reconsider the amendment on Article IV for the \$1,055,574 amount. Some of the District members did not realize that they had just voted it down, when the voice vote was called for. Moderator Hall called to reconsider the previously motioned Amendment to Article IV moved by Rodney Minckler and seconded by Gata Hudson for the amount of \$1,128,234.00. By a show of hands Article IV passed.

District Members asked Mr. Hall to have Article IV re-voted by ballot. Moderator Hall agreed. By ballot vote Article IV passed with 62 yes votes, 47 no.

Article V (Deficit Appropriation)

To see whether the voters of the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 as a deficit appropriation required to fund unanticipated special education and high school tuition costs for the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years. Motion made by Rodney Minckler and seconded by Martha Morse. By ballot vote Article V passed with 65 yes votes and 29 no votes.

Article VI (Claremont Lawsuit)

District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123.00, representing \$1.00 per child served in the school district, to support the efforts of the Claremont Lawsuit Coalition, Inc., and to authorize the transfer of said sum to the Claremont Lawsuit Coalition, Inc., for this purpose. Motion made by Gata Hudson, seconded by Rodney Minckler. By ballot vote Article VI passed with 40 yes votes, 34 no.

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Article II (AREA Committee)

District will vote to form a committee to study the AREA Agreement. Motion made by Rodney Minckler, seconded by Gata Hudson. District discussed the fact that they thought that there was already an AREA Committee. It was explained to the District by Rodney Minckler and Gata Hudson that this was a vote to make it official. Call of questioned, moved by Will Boutin, seconded by Chuck Hudson. Voice vote declared by Moderator Hall. Article VII passed.

Article VIII (District Officer Compensation)

To determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members \$500 per member, and school district treasurer \$400. Motion made by Rodney Minckler, seconded by Gata Hudson. Voice vote declared by Moderator Hall. Article VIII Passed.

Article IX (other business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Motion made by Rodney Minckler, seconded by Gata Hudson. General discussion follows: Fred Hall recommends to move the meetings to the Town Hall next time. Peggy Austin willing to help collect signatures for any Town protests toward the State. Will Boutin suggests that the School Board not freeze the budget without first calling a Special District Meeting to discuss this. Mr. McDivette, requests that a Special Meeting be called with any problems that might occur. Article IX passed by voice vote.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Clinton Cooper passed in a letter of resignation. This letter was read aloud by Rodney Minckler to the District, stating that due to unforeseen health problems, he would not be able to complete his term as a school board member. Mr. Cooper was at this time presented with a present from the other school board members.

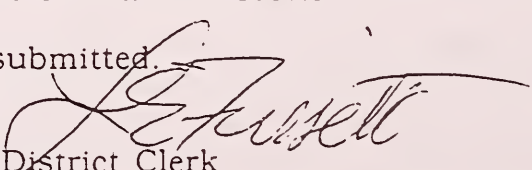
Ballot clerks were Deb Demarais and Tyyne Cox.

Motion to adjourn was heard at 10:55 pm.

After the adjournment the following positions were sworn in by school board member Gata Hudson: Moderator Fred Hall, School Board Member Rodney Minckler and Clerk Laura Fissette.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Fissette
Unity School District Clerk



UNITY
TUITION STUDENTS
1996 - 1997

CLAREMONT

Grade 12

Jason Day
Tina Day
Jennifer Desharnais
Mark Perry
Shannon Russell
Amy-Jo Verrill
Paul Vittum
Brenda Woodman

Grade 11

Matthew Bordalo
Shane Branch
Jason Ferguson
Jonathan Lewit
Jenna Merrifield
Cory Phelps
Crystal Salo
Darci Sevene
Devin Sevene
Arthur Seymour

Grade 10

Norma Aremburg
Ross Bastian
Sean Butterworth
Jessica Call
Amy Coyle
Verna Day
Sean Dube
Ethan Hudson
Christiane Labrecque
Gary Lafoe
Crystal Landrie
Christopher Nix
Shannon Sargent
Joshua White

Grade 9

Dalton Bordalo
Dwight Coyle
Crystal LaClair
Robin Woodman

SHS CAP Program

Vicky Burt
Benjamin Small

NEWPORT

Grade 11

Chris Childers
Candy Hayward
Annette Oakes
Dan Peckham
Athena Stupka

Grade 10

Jesse Bosse
Tanya Davis
Heather Dupont
Asa Fellows

Grade 9

Cory Butts
Robin Fellows
Karla Heino
Elizabeth Marcoulier
Bobbi-Jo Spooner
Dennis Stupka
Barry Tucker

